

1 Friday, 29 November 2024

2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning, and welcome back to Chapter 11 of
4 this phase of our case study hearings.

5 As I said when we finished yesterday, today we hope
6 to cover the evidence of three witnesses in person, and
7 the first one, I think, is ready to help us, is that
8 right?

9 MS MACLEOD: Good morning, my Lady, that is right. The
10 first witness this morning is an applicant who wishes to
11 remain anonymous and will use the pseudonym 'Bobby-Joe'
12 when giving evidence.

13 'Bobby-Joe' (affirmed)

14 LADY SMITH: Good morning, 'Bobby-Joe'.

15 A. Morning.

16 LADY SMITH: 'Bobby-Joe', do sit down --

17 A. Thank you.

18 LADY SMITH: -- and make yourself comfortable.

19 Can I just begin by thanking you for coming along
20 here this morning to give us more help with your
21 evidence. I say more, because, of course, I already
22 have your written statement, which is in that red
23 folder --

24 A. Yes.

25 LADY SMITH: -- and it has been very helpful to have that

1 written evidence before we start today. But we would
2 like to explore some aspects of your evidence with you,
3 and that's what we are proposing to do.

4 A. Okay.

5 LADY SMITH: The statement will be there for you to use if
6 you want to, and we will also bring it up on screen --

7 A. Yeah.

8 LADY SMITH: -- if that's okay. If you don't like it being
9 there, just tell me, but most people find that quite
10 helpful as well.

11 If at any time you want a break, or a pause, you
12 must let me know. At the beginning of giving evidence,
13 a lot of people think they are fine, and they are coping
14 with this idea of being in a public place to talk about
15 themselves. But quite often it can get difficult, and
16 it can be quite emotional to be taken back to your
17 childhood, as we are going to have to do with you. I do
18 understand that.

19 A. Yeah.

20 LADY SMITH: If there is anything I or Ms MacLeod can do to
21 help, you must say.

22 A. Okay.

23 LADY SMITH: Is that okay?

24 A. Yes.

25 LADY SMITH: If you don't understand what we are asking you,

1 that's our fault, not yours. We are not explaining
2 things properly, so speak up. It is better that you do
3 that than guess. We will do this together, and if it
4 works for you, it will work for me, if you have any
5 particular requests.

6 A. Fine.

7 LADY SMITH: I will hand over to Ms MacLeod and she will
8 take it from there.

9 A. Fine, okay.

10 LADY SMITH: Ms MacLeod.

11 Questions from Ms MacLeod

12 MS MACLEOD: Thank you, my Lady.

13 Good morning, 'Bobby-Joe'.

14 A. Good morning.

15 Q. Now, I don't need your date of birth, but to give
16 a timeframe for your evidence can you confirm that you
17 were born in [REDACTED] 1957?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Your statement that you have provided to the Inquiry is
20 in a red folder in front of you, and I am just going to
21 give the reference of that statement. It is
22 WIT-1-000000976. 'Bobby-Joe', I wonder if you could
23 turn to the final page of the statement, and that's
24 really just to confirm if you have signed it?

25 A. Yes, that's my signature.

1 Q. In the last paragraph, do you say:
2 'I have no objection to my witness statement being
3 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.
4 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are
5 true.'
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. We can now go back to the beginning of the statement,
8 and before we begin, and I think you are aware of this,
9 'Bobby-Joe', part of your statement has already been
10 read in to the Inquiry proceedings, and I am just going
11 to give the references of that.
12 That's just for the transcript, my Lady.
13 LADY SMITH: Thank you.
14 MS MACLEOD: Part of 'Bobby-Joe's' statement was read in
15 during Chapter 1 on Day 388, 10 November 2023 and part
16 of his statement was read in during Chapter 4 on Day 428
17 on 25 March 2024.
18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.
19 MS MACLEOD: 'Bobby-Joe', at the beginning of your statement
20 you provide us with some evidence about your family
21 background and your life before you went into care.
22 I will just touch on a few aspects of that with you.
23 You tell us you were born in Glasgow?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. And that you had seven brothers and sisters?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You say that as a family you got on well, you got on
3 great, I think you say?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You go on to tell us that you had lots of friends in the
6 area where you lived?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And that both your parents worked hard?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. You go on to provide some information. You explain that
11 there was a girl who was a neighbour who you tell us
12 abused you when you were a young child.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I think you say that that didn't just happen to you, but
15 happened to other people --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- as far as you are aware, in your neighbourhood, and
18 that's something that affected you?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did there come a time when your family moved house?

21 A. We moved from [REDACTED] in August 1969.

22 Q. Would you have been around 8 years old at that time?

23 A. 1969, I was coming up for 12.

24 Q. You were coming up for 12.

25 You provide some information about the move and what

1 that meant for you in terms of being in a different
2 street, and you explained that that meant there was
3 a different gang?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Just tell me a little bit about that.

6 A. Well, I was brought up in [REDACTED]. The street
7 itself had a -- it had a bad reputation and there was
8 a gang, like, 400 metres across the railway, and when we
9 moved from [REDACTED], I was part of the
10 [REDACTED] crew, and when I moved to [REDACTED],
11 it was just -- I had to find myself again. Having to
12 fight with people. I did the -- what we'd call the
13 usual --

14 Q. Okay. Did you start secondary school around the time --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- that you moved?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You tell us in your statement, 'Bobby-Joe', you say:
19 'It was when I went there that I started getting
20 into bother.'

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you explain that to me?

23 A. Just secondary school, at the very start you are coming
24 in to it again, it is a gang thing at school. You had
25 the boys fae Partick, you had boys fae Knightswood, and

1 everybody was -- not fighting all the time, but it was
2 just, that was just the way the system was, that's the
3 way we were back then.

4 Q. You tell us that there came a time around then, I think
5 you mentioned in 1969 or 1970, that your brother and
6 yourself were seeing a psychologist?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was there any social work involvement with your family
9 at that time?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did there come a time, 'Bobby-Joe', when you appeared
12 before a Children's Panel?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Can you remember how old you were when you first
15 appeared before a Panel?

16 A. I think I was 13.

17 Q. You tell us that that was because you had been involved
18 with a couple of older boys?

19 A. Yeah, yeah, it was a couple of my neighbours in
20 ██████████, er, maybe three or four years older
21 than me, they were the guys that I hung about wi'. And
22 they were stealing bikes and things like that. That's
23 what we were up to.

24 Q. You also tell us that when you were around 13, so around
25 the same time that you ran away from home?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you tell us about that?

3 A. I ran away in -- it was about [REDACTED] '71. I had fell out
4 with my da, and I just -- I wasnae going to go back to
5 the house. So I ended up in Helensburgh. I just jumped
6 a train and went to Helensburgh. And I stayed -- the
7 shows were there in Helensburgh, so the first night
8 I stayed underneath a tarpaulin in the waltzers, and the
9 guys come in in the morning and they found me under the
10 tarp, gave me a hard time to start wi'. I told them
11 I had run away. So they took me down to Ayr, and
12 I worked with them for a week down in Ayr, and then
13 I went back hame, I got a bus back up the road, erm, and
14 I went to my mum and dad's house and they had to phone
15 the polis, the polis came and took me to Larchgrove.

16 Q. I think you tell us that that was your first time in any
17 sort of institution?

18 A. That was the first, yeah.

19 Q. In Larchgrove?

20 A. Other than being in Craig, which was a residential
21 school in the sixties, that was my first time that I'd
22 been taken away from my family.

23 Q. You were aged 13 at the time?

24 A. 13, yeah.

25 Q. What was your understanding, then, as to why you were in

1 Larchgrove, how long you were going to be there?

2 A. Well, I thought I would only be in it for maybe a night
3 or two. I was there -- I think I was there for nearly
4 three weeks. And I ran away. Er, well, I ran away
5 three -- well, I ended up in Larchgrove three or four
6 times, and I ran away three times when I was there.

7 Q. Your evidence in relation to Larchgrove has already been
8 read in to proceedings, 'Bobby-Joe', but can you just
9 share with me: what was it like for you being in
10 Larchgrove at that time?

11 A. I was put into the -- what they called the schoolboys.
12 It was, to a certain age, it was ... the dormitories
13 for, say, 10 to 13, and then the other wings were for
14 the older boys, but I was put in with the younger ones.
15 And we all ran away -- well, 13 of us run away in one
16 night, it had been the coldest night of the year that
17 year. Six of them ended up wi' frostbite that night.

18 Q. Indeed you tell us about that, 'Bobby-Joe', in
19 paragraph 50 of your statement, that [REDACTED] 1972, 13 of
20 you ran away?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You say it ended up in the newspapers that that number
23 of young boys had ran away on the coldest night of the
24 year?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. In terms of that night and what happened, was there
2 an investigation into that?

3 A. I mean, I don't know if there was an investigation, but
4 I've never heard anything.

5 Q. Were there any consequences for you at the time of
6 having run away?

7 A. The consequences were that some of the -- I'd ran away
8 during -- we were playing a game of football, and when
9 everybody was looking that way, I'd done a runner, and
10 I've jumped over a wall, and I've got away. So some of
11 the boys that were playing football that day just --
12 they wouldnae -- and I didnae see eye to eye with them,
13 because --

14 LADY SMITH: 'Bobby-Joe', a practical matter, could I ask
15 you to sit just a little bit closer to the microphone --

16 A. Sorry, yeah.

17 LADY SMITH: -- so that we can pick up what you are saying
18 really clearly.

19 A. Yes.

20 LADY SMITH: That's great, thanks.

21 A. In Larchgrove, it was -- when we got caught -- we were
22 all caught for like, 9 o'clock in the morning, the boys
23 that had ran away, we were all caught for about
24 9 o'clock in the morning when we went back. Some of the
25 boys had the belt. I didnae, because I was one of the

1 ones that would stand up to them. But the rest --
2 I know the rest of the boys got -- they got leathered
3 with the belt.

4 MS MACLEOD: Do you know who did that?

5 A. Er, I can't remember the exact member of staff, but --
6 the only two that I can remember are Mr LRL [REDACTED], who was
7 -- I'm sure he was SNR [REDACTED], and Mr KDX [REDACTED]. And
8 Mr KDX [REDACTED] just liked handing out punishment anyway.

9 Q. You tell us about him in your statement --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- KDZ [REDACTED], at paragraph 36, you say he was 'just
12 a nasty piece of work'?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. You go on to say -- I think you explain that he 'was
15 ex-army and was a really nasty man' at paragraph 44.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. At paragraph 54, you say:

18 'Mr KDX [REDACTED] was just a cruel man who would slap the
19 boys every ... day.'

20 A. You only needed to walk by him, you didnae need to have
21 been doing anything, you only needed to be walking by
22 him, if you didnae say 'excuse me' or something, bang,
23 slap. It happened all the time. It just happened
24 constantly.

25 Q. On the occasion you have described about running away as

1 a group in 1972 then, was that the background to your
2 leaving Larchgrove and being moved --
3 A. Yeah.
4 Q. -- on?
5 A. I was moved to St Mary's in Bishopbriggs in [REDACTED] or
6 [REDACTED] '72.
7 Q. Okay. 'Bobby-Joe', in relation to your arrival at
8 St Mary's and your admission there, the Inquiry has
9 recovered documents that suggest that you were admitted
10 in [REDACTED] 1972.
11 A. 72, yeah.
12 Q. I think, from what you have said, that accords with your
13 own memory?
14 A. Yeah.
15 Q. That you were there for just under a year, initially, to
16 [REDACTED] 1973?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Just for the timeline, I think you were then
19 readmitted --
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. -- to St Mary's a few months later, in [REDACTED] 1973?
22 A. Yeah.
23 Q. I think you go on to tell us that you were ultimately
24 released in [REDACTED] --
25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- 1973?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 If we can now just focus on your time at St Mary's,
5 I will ask you some questions about that. When you were
6 moved from Larchgrove to St Mary's, can you remember
7 being told about St Mary's, what it was, why you were
8 going there?

9 A. The only people that actually told me anything about
10 St Mary's were the boys that had been there, there
11 wasnae -- nae social work, nae adults basically telling
12 us anything. It was all just stuff I'd heard off people
13 that had been there anyway.

14 Q. Is this from boys in Larchgrove who had been to
15 St Mary's?

16 A. Yes, and no just St Mary's, next door to Larchgrove
17 there was St John's, but a lot of the boys that were in
18 there, well, they'd either been in St Ninian's, they'd
19 been in schools all over Scotland, The Kibble, you name
20 it. So you were speaking to everybody that had been in
21 any of these places and they would all be telling you,
22 you know, just what like it was in their schools.

23 Q. When you arrived at St Mary's, did you know how long you
24 were going to be there for?

25 A. No, no.

1 Q. Looking at the geographical -- the area of St Mary's,
2 you give a description of that, of the location and the
3 building. You talk about that in paragraph 58 --
4 A. Yeah, it was a beautiful building.
5 Q. -- of your statement.
6 Sorry, did you say it was a beautiful building?
7 A. It was, yeah.
8 LADY SMITH: What was beautiful about it?
9 A. It was just -- the -- I'd never stayed in anything like
10 this. This was red sandstone, it's got pillars and big
11 double ... It was just -- and then when you seen the
12 size of it inside, it was just -- it just blew my mind.
13 It was such a big, big place. I'd never been in --
14 I went to a new -- it was a new school building when
15 I went to school, so going into these, it was just, as
16 I say, it was just a beautiful red sandstone, with the
17 arches and with the towers and stuff.
18 LADY SMITH: And grounds?
19 A. The grounds were amazing.
20 LADY SMITH: Outside.
21 A. We had the farming garden, we had a massive, massive
22 lawn, we had a play barn, which the staff and the boys
23 built before I got there. Erm, everything about the
24 school. They had their own laundry, their own baker's
25 shop, kitchen, everything was there. And, yeah, I mean,

1 I thought it looked great when I first arrived.

2 LADY SMITH: Yes. But of course the fact that a building

3 and its grounds were beautiful doesn't mean that what

4 happens there is beautiful?

5 A. No, no.

6 LADY SMITH: Isn't that right?

7 A. No, that's true.

8 LADY SMITH: At the end of the day, it's the way it's run

9 and the people who run it that matter?

10 A. Yes.

11 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

12 A. Yeah.

13 LADY SMITH: Ms MacLeod.

14 MS MACLEOD: My Lady.

15 'Bobby-Joe', would you be willing to look at

16 a photograph of the building.

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. If I put it on the screen?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Could we have WIT-3-0000005605 at page 6, please.

22 The photograph is on the screen in front of you --

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. -- but it's also on a larger screen behind you, if you

25 find that easier, perhaps you can help me.

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. If you want to stand up, 'Bobby-Joe', and just I will
3 ask you a few questions about the photograph. Do you
4 recognise that as St Mary's?

5 A. All this here at the front, this is all different fae
6 when I went. It was just -- there was nae flowers
7 there, it was just a drive.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. The staff would park their cars up at this side.

10 Q. Where the kind of garden area there is, was a car park
11 when you were there?

12 A. Yeah, and beyond that there was a massive, massive
13 big -- the full length of the school basically, the lawn
14 and it went down.

15 Q. Is that behind the photograph?

16 A. This is on this side.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Behind the school, there was the farm, potatoes, cabbage
19 ... and whatever else, all the fruits and the things
20 that we needed, so that was all behind the school.

21 Q. I see.

22 A. To the left-hand side was the kitchen.

23 Q. Looking at the photograph, 'Bobby-Joe', do we see the
24 main door there?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. In terms of what else we see, the windows that we see
2 there, are you able to help me with, for example, if we
3 start with the right of the door, yes, what was that?
4 A. That's the shower rooms.
5 Q. The shower rooms?
6 A. Yeah.
7 Q. That's the ground floor to the right of the door?
8 A. Yeah, but there was an extension here. This is an older
9 photo here than 1972.
10 Q. Unfortunately we don't have a date for the photograph.
11 A. There was an extension here, where the ablutions -- no,
12 the shower rooms.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. And up here, this was the chapel.
15 Q. Okay, so that's the first floor on the right-hand side
16 of the photograph, was the chapel?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. What about the left-hand side of the door, can you help
19 me with that?
20 A. This was -- this one -- these two here were SNR
21 SNR office.
22 Q. That's immediately next to the door.
23 A. Aye, then there was KDN and then there was
24 KDM. So this is basically SNR, SNR
25 SNR, and another couple of --

1 Q. Staff offices?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Okay. What about the floor above that, above those

4 offices?

5 A. This was dormitories.

6 Q. I see.

7 A. Up here you had De La Salle, George's, behind that you

8 had the Pat's, down here you had St Andrew's.

9 Q. That's behind the photograph again, is it?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Okay. Thank you, 'Bobby-Joe', thank you for that.

12 How many boys do you recall there being at St Mary's

13 when you were there?

14 A. I mean, at any one time there could be 100 to maybe 140.

15 They also had a hostel, which obviously wasn't -- it was

16 a separate building, it was a new build, and so they had

17 a hostel, which cared for something like 20-odd boys,

18 and then every dormitory there was over 20 boys. So 100

19 to maybe 150, it all depends.

20 Q. What was the age range of the boys?

21 A. In St Mary's it was 12 to 16.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. There wasnae a lot of young -- there wasnae a lot of

24 12-year olds --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- sent to St Mary's, but there was -- I can remember
2 some.
3 Q. Okay.
4 You tell us that the school was divided into houses?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. You tell us St Patrick's, St George's, St Andrew's,
7 St Colomba's, De La Salle and possibly another one?
8 A. St Colomba was the -- that was the hostel.
9 Q. Was the hostel for boys that were getting ready to
10 leave?
11 A. Yeah, for boys that were pre-release.
12 Q. I see, and which house were you allocated to?
13 A. I was in the Pat's, St Pat's.
14 Q. I think you go on to tell us that you became the
15 president --
16 A. Yeah.
17 Q. -- of St Patrick's?
18 A. We all became, yeah, a different president for every
19 house.
20 Q. What was the president, what was the role of the
21 president in the house?
22 A. Basically on a Monday morning we had a meeting, and
23 after everybody had came back fae their weekend leave,
24 or didn't, we would sit down wi' our housemaster. And
25 basically we'd decide on -- if somebody was late back

1 there'd be small punishments for it, it wasnae anything
2 major. But if you didnae come back at all, then ... but
3 we -- we were involved, we were sitting there, and we
4 were asked our opinions as to what should happen to so
5 and so for no coming back or ... but ultimately it was
6 always the teachers that decided on the punishment.

7 Q. Was it just you as the president, or were there a few
8 boys as presidents?

9 A. Oh, there was a president of every house. There was
10 a president.

11 Q. But in your house was it just yourself?

12 A. Aye, there was only one. Aye, I was the only guy at the
13 meeting.

14 Q. So it would be you as the boy --

15 A. My housemaster.

16 Q. -- and then staff?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Do I take it from what you are saying that you were
19 involved in discussing boys who were seen to have done
20 something wrong, and discussing what punishment, what
21 discipline or punishment, might be suitable --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- in the circumstances?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How did you become the president?

1 A. I had started boxing, erm, about a year before I went to
2 any of the places I had started. Because I had moved
3 out of Yoker, I had went to boxing classes. And the
4 school ended up -- I won a fight in Springburn, and they
5 had like 16 of the boys fae the school, they took down
6 to Springburn Sports Centre. When we came back fae
7 there, after I'd won my fight, and I didnae get bullied
8 after that.

9 Q. You started boxing before you went into Larchgrove --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- or St Mary's, but the fight you are talking about was
12 while you were at St Mary's you were taken to this
13 fight?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you won?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. As a result of winning that, did that have an impact on
18 your status in the school?

19 A. Yeah, well, I started getting picked first for the
20 football team and things like that, instead of second to
21 last normally, no. It was just -- aye, they'd seen me
22 fighting, so basically they stopped, anybody that was
23 bullying me, basically they stopped that when they'd
24 seen the fight, so ...

25 Q. How old were you when you won that fight?

1 A. Er, that fight was on 22 May that year, so I was 14.

2 Q. Okay. So were you 14 then when you were made the

3 president --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- of St Patrick's?

6 You tell us a little about some of the staff that

7 you remember from St Mary's.

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Who was SNR [REDACTED], who was [REDACTED]?

10 A. Er, Mr LNI [REDACTED]. LNI [REDACTED], that's what we called

11 him, he was an ex-Irish heavyweight boxer as well, and

12 as soon as I went to the school, he was -- because I'd

13 been into the boxing, the school hadnae had anybody

14 fighting for them in 15 years, so he was delighted I was

15 there.

16 Q. I think you tell us that you found him to be a lovely

17 man --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- and you got on well?

20 A. Yeah. He threatened you, but, er -- when I say

21 threatened you, he only needed to say something to you,

22 and you done what he told you, LNI [REDACTED].

23 Q. So was he SNR [REDACTED]?

24 A. He was SNR [REDACTED].

25 Q. Were there a [REDACTED] SNR [REDACTED]?

1 A. Yeah, we had KDN [REDACTED], Mr KDM [REDACTED], I see
2 Charlie Tully's name there, but you had Mr and
3 Mrs O'Hagen as well, they were married, she was
4 a teacher, he was a teacher. Erm, we had Jim Connelly,
5 he was just a newer member of staff. I bumped in to
6 Mr Connelly, I took my wife up many years ago to
7 St Mary's, and they showed us the records and all that,
8 the day that I was --
9 Q. I think you do tell us about that in your statement?
10 A. Yeah, Mr Connelly, oh, he was there --
11 Q. He was still there?
12 A. Yes, he was still there. He's retired now, but aye, he
13 was still there.
14 Q. You tell us about that in paragraph 90, so that was in
15 more recent times that you went back to school?
16 A. Yeah.
17 Q. I think you tell us that they had some day books and
18 information about admissions and discharge?
19 A. Yeah, they opened them up and showed me.
20 Q. Okay, just focusing on some staff members you mention
21 there; KDN [REDACTED] ?
22 A. Yes, he was SNR [REDACTED].
23 Q. What was he like, how did you get on with him?
24 A. He just -- I didnae have any real run ins with
25 Mr KDN [REDACTED], the only members of staff that I had

1 issues wi' were: Bill Franks; who we called LYT [REDACTED],
2 I don't know his first name, but we called him
3 LYT [REDACTED]; and KDY [REDACTED], my boxing trainer.
4 Q. You do tell us about these, so if we just look at these
5 in turn then, starting with KDY [REDACTED], you tell us in
6 the statement that he was ex-police?
7 A. Ex-policeman.
8 Q. Was he your boxing coach?
9 A. He was my boxing coach, aye.
10 Q. Okay, and how would you describe him, what was he like?
11 A. He was an animal, he was an animal, he was a bully. Er,
12 he just thought he was Mr It, ex-copper fae Shettleston,
13 originally fae Coatbridge, I mean this is him telling me
14 all these things, because some of the boys that he had
15 jailed in Shettleston were in the school, and he seemed
16 to be more interested in the boys that he knew as to no
17 doing his duty with everybody. But he was a bully, he
18 was just an out-and-out bully.
19 Q. Did he bully you?
20 A. Yeah.
21 Q. So can you help me with what ways he bullied you?
22 A. Well, he leathered me. I mean, he punched me out of
23 a toilet. I mean, he was a fully grown, heavyweight
24 fighter and he punched me out of a toilet. All because
25 he was stood talking to a female member of staff and he

1 wasnae looking at the ring where I'm in boxing, I'm in
2 sparring with a guy, but the guy's just swinging punches
3 at me, and he's hitting me and he's hitting me and he's
4 hitting me, I wasnae allowed to hit him back, I'm only
5 there blocking, but the guy was just -- he was
6 pummelling me, so I just grabbed him and I stuck me head
7 on him, and that's when he jumped into the ring, dragged
8 me out of the ring, took me into the toilet and punched
9 me about the place.

10 Q. You tell us about this in paragraph 93 in your
11 statement. When you say he punched you all over the
12 place, where he did punch you?

13 A. Punched face, stomach, anywhere that I didnae -- the
14 toilets werenae that big, and, er, have a few -- have
15 the urinals, he was just punching me about. He was just
16 a total bully.

17 Q. Had he done that sort of thing to you before?

18 A. No, not to me, no.

19 Q. Do you know if he did that sort of thing to other boys?

20 A. Aye.

21 Q. Did you see him do it to other boys?

22 A. I seen him in the gym doing it, aye.

23 Q. What did you see him do in the gym?

24 A. Punching boys. And this guy was a big, big guy. And
25 the staff members were scared of him. I know that for

1 a fact. Staff members were scared of him. He bullied
2 them and all.

3 Q. How did you know that, that the other staff members were
4 scared of him?

5 A. You could see it in them. You could actually see them
6 when he was talking to them, you could see it. Even the
7 female members of staff were scared of him. And it's --
8 I'm no hanging this guy because he was a copper or
9 anything, this guy was just -- he wasnae a nice person,
10 and he wasnae there a year, he was -- I don't know if he
11 got sacked or if he left or whatever, but, er, when
12 I went back for my second term at St Mary's, he was
13 naewhere to be seen.

14 LADY SMITH: That was KDY, again?

15 A. KDY.

16 LADY SMITH: KDY, sorry, and he was still there at that
17 time?

18 A. No, by the time I went back for my second period, he had
19 gone and he was my housemaster in St Pat's, but when
20 I went back to St Mary's, he wasn't in the house, he
21 wasn't even in the school any mair so ...

22 LADY SMITH: Oh, right.

23 A. So he was less than a year on the staff.

24 LADY SMITH: Okay, thank you.

25 MS MACLEOD: As well as being the boxing coach, he was also

1 a housemaster?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. He was your housemaster?

4 A. He was my housemaster, yeah.

5 Q. What was his role as a housemaster, what did that

6 involve?

7 A. Basically coming in in the morning, everybody up. Er,

8 he didnae do much. He wasnae -- he didnae have a --

9 what you would call a recognised -- you know, we had the

10 chef, we had the baker, we had the engineer, but he

11 didnae have sort of any of those type of roles, other

12 than maybe security, maybe that's ... I honestly don't

13 know.

14 Q. You have mentioned a couple of other members of staff,

15 and we will just look at those now. I think you have

16 mentioned Bill Franks --

17 A. Bill Franks, yeah.

18 Q. -- and LYT [REDACTED]?

19 A. And LYT [REDACTED].

20 Q. If we just start with Bill Franks. What was his role in

21 the school?

22 A. He was a chef. He was a chef, and I worked in the

23 kitchen. Er, this is the guy that was sexually abusing

24 people. Erm, there's a potato-peeling machine, I mean

25 vibrates obviously, so you barely had to be doing it and

1 he'd run up behind you, grab you and put you up against
2 the machine and go 'uh, uh, uh, uh'. Now, I didnae put
3 that down as sexual abuse, but I've been told that it is
4 sexual abuse. But this is the thing that Bill Franks
5 done to anybody that come into the kitchen.

6 Q. Did he do that to you?

7 A. Yeah, once, and I told him never to come near me like
8 that again. And Bill knew, because he fitted my first
9 ever gumshield, er, a moulded one.

10 Q. For boxing? For boxing?

11 A. For boxing, yeah, and I just didnae -- other than that
12 in the toilet -- er, in the kitchen with the potato
13 machine, he never came near me again, but I know for
14 a fact Mr Franks got jailed for seven year for --

15 Q. On that occasion that you are describing that he did
16 come near you, you tell us about that in paragraph 95
17 and you say there, the same as you have just said here.
18 You said:

19 'He ran over and grabbed me from behind, pushed me
20 up against the machine, rubbed against me and said "Oh,
21 ho, ho, ho".'

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. How old were you?

24 A. I'd have been 14/15.

25 Q. Did you say anything to him?

1 A. Aye, I told him, I said: 'You do that to me again,
2 Bill, I'll fucking knock you out'. And, as I say, he
3 never came near me again that way. I do know other
4 things about Bill.

5 Q. You say you know other things about Bill. Are these
6 things that you learned from people while --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- you were in there?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. When you were in St Mary's, what did you know about
11 Bill Franks?

12 A. Well, there was a guy called [REDACTED], that was
13 sexually abused. [REDACTED] was -- he wasnae the brightest.
14 You could say that there were maybe, he had some sort of
15 mental incapacity, or whatever, but [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
16 came back, he got released on his 16th birthday but came
17 back to the school and stayed in the school, he was
18 still there when I left in '73, I left there. But, er,
19 I cannae remember all the guys's names.

20 Q. That boy that you have been telling me about there, at
21 the time you were in St Mary's what did you know about
22 him or what did he tell you?

23 A. Well, it was just that where his bed was, they would
24 just come in and get [REDACTED].

25 Q. Who would come in and get [REDACTED]?

1 A. Er, either the night watchman or Bill Franks, it all
2 depends who was on duty.

3 Q. Did you see Bill Franks come into the dormitory?

4 A. Yeah, yeah. I mean, they come in the dormitories all
5 the time, through the night, just to check, to see if
6 naebody had ran away, or naebody was ill, or ... but the
7 secure, whoever was on duty through the night, and there
8 was always different members of staff, but there was two
9 old guys that were always on, I mean, they were just
10 night shift men, I think so ... But there was other
11 members of staff from the school that would stay all
12 night as well.

13 Q. Focusing on Bill Franks, you say you saw him come into
14 the dormitory?

15 A. Aye.

16 Q. At night?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. How often did Bill Franks come into the dormitory?

19 A. As I say, this was when they were on duty, as in --
20 I mean, I know they didnae do every night on. I mean,
21 one member of staff during the day, a day shift member
22 would be on at night, whereas you had the other two. So
23 there was two stairs, there was a stair at that end of
24 the school to take you up to the dormitories, and
25 a stair at the other end of the school that took you up

1 to the dormitories, so ...

2 Q. As well as being the cook in the kitchen --

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. -- did Bill Franks have some sort of role then in the

5 dormitories --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- at nighttime?

8 A. Yes, as in basically just making sure everybody was okay

9 through the night, that's basically what they were there

10 for.

11 Q. When you were in your bed in the dormitory, did you have

12 any concerns about Bill Franks coming into the dorm?

13 A. No personally, no.

14 Q. Did you see him do anything that concerned you?

15 A. No, no, I never ever seen him, er, doing whatever it was

16 he was doing. I never ever seen anything that

17 Bill Franks done, I never seen anything, except for what

18 he done to me.

19 Q. This boy you were telling me about, being taken from his

20 bed or leaving the dormitory, who was involved in him

21 leaving the dormitory?

22 A. That would be the -- I cannae remember, I don't know the

23 old guy's name that was on the night shift thingmy. But

24 Bill Franks and that -- [REDACTED], [REDACTED] worked in the

25 kitchen, so I don't know if they were coming to get [REDACTED]

1 to take him down to the kitchen to prepare stuff, you
2 know, for breakfast in the morning, or ... it is
3 something I don't know. But I just know for a fact that
4 they shouldn't have been coming into the dorms and
5 disturbing anybody that was sleeping. That's just my
6 thingmy on it.

7 Q. You have told us about your own experience with
8 Bill Franks and what that was. Did you hear, while you
9 were in St Mary's, did anybody tell you anything about
10 Bill Franks that concerned you?

11 A. Other than what we knew. I mean, we knew Bill Franks
12 was a predator.

13 Q. How did you know that?

14 A. Because the boys -- everybody spoke about it. It wasnae
15 as though it was a well-kept secret or anything like
16 that. And Bill Franks wasnae the only one, I mean, he
17 was the only one that got caught, but he wasnae the only
18 one to be doing things, no. As I say, LYT [REDACTED], he
19 assaulted every single boy.

20 LADY SMITH: When you say that he wasn't the only one who
21 was doing things, are you talking about other members of
22 staff doing things to boys?

23 A. Yeah, as in -- aye, violent acts. I mean, every day,
24 LYT [REDACTED] was down the shower room, if you spoke, he'd
25 crack you in the head wi' his knuckles, shush, you

1 weren't allowed to talk in the showers, which was weird,
2 always was.

3 LADY SMITH: You are talking about staff doing things
4 physically?

5 A. Yeah.

6 LADY SMITH: And staff doing things sexually?

7 A. Yes.

8 LADY SMITH: Members of staff other than Franks doing things
9 sexually, or not?

10 A. I cannae say that against LYT [REDACTED], because I never
11 seen that, never heard anything that way. But he
12 physically assaulted every single boy in that school,
13 because if you went to the showers, you got assaulted.
14 If you opened your mouth, you got a rap on the head.

15 MS MACLEOD: You tell us about that at paragraph 99, you
16 say:

17 'Old LYT [REDACTED] must have hit every guy in the
18 school.'

19 A. Aye.

20 Q. You say it was on the head that he would hit you?

21 A. Yeah, the knuckles.

22 Q. With his knuckles?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Something else you tell us in your statement, you say:

25 'LYT [REDACTED] was one of the best thieves I ever met and

1 taught me lots about thieving.'

2 A. Yeah, it's -- he took it -- we had this flatbed, and he
3 would take -- we were sent out to a place in Milngavie,
4 a shop had went on fire, we were sent out to help clear
5 the shop. And I remember the gas bottles, the felt, and
6 he stuck it on the wagon, taken it hame and done -- he
7 done the governor's garage roof with the stuff that he
8 had taken off the job, and he gave me a half ounce of
9 tobacco for it.

10 Q. I just want to ask you, **KDZ**, a little bit more
11 about your role as the president of your house and what
12 that involved. I think you provide us with some
13 examples in your statement, including at 89, of things
14 you remember being involved in, in terms of being
15 involved in discussions about discipline. You describe
16 an occasion, you say:
17 'A guy from my house had set the new St Andrew's
18 house building on fire.'

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Can you tell me about that incident, and what your
21 involvement was in your role as president?

22 A. Aye, well, **[REDACTED]**, that was the guy's name, he'd
23 set fire to St Andrew's. The school was getting all
24 done up. The dormitories were getting -- instead of
25 walking in and seeing a load of beds, they had just

1 renovated the place into a single, you know, a single
2 room, some with three beds in it and some with four,
3 there was ones, threes, and fours. So it made it, just
4 made it a hell of a lot cleaner, and all the rest of it.
5 But [REDACTED], when St Andrew's was the last of the
6 houses to be renovated, [REDACTED] set fire to it.
7 But we didnae know at the time it was him. And because
8 of the fire, there was nobody -- everybody's leave had
9 been cancelled for the weekend until we found out who
10 had done it. And we all knew [REDACTED] had done it, but
11 we didnae get him to say that he'd done it.

12 Q. Was he a boy in your house?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You say that at the meeting, the staff asked what
15 punishment should be given to him, did they ask you what
16 punishment should be given to him?

17 A. No, no for that, no.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. No, I mean, all we wanted... everybody just wanted hame
20 for the weekend, and [REDACTED] had thrown a spanner in the
21 works, and I had to go to [REDACTED] and persuade him to
22 tell the staff that it was him that set fire to the
23 school.

24 Q. I think you say:

25 'I told him that he needed to confess first, before

1 we would punish him.'

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Did you speak to him?

4 A. I spoke to him, aye. [REDACTED] went and told the Governor

5 it was him that started the fire. And I didnae bully

6 him into it, I think a lot of other boys might have done

7 that, but I just says to him, 'You've got to', because

8 he knew what was coming, the other boys wouldnae have

9 just let that lie, you know, they're no getting hame at

10 the weekend. They wouldnae have just let that lie, you

11 know. And that's basically what I says to [REDACTED], so

12 ...

13 Q. Did he confess to it?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Was he punished?

16 A. Well, I never seen him back in the school after it. Er,

17 I think he got charged wi' setting the fire. I'm not

18 100 per cent sure. But he wasnae back in that school,

19 [REDACTED] wasnae back.

20 Q. You've explained that you were the president of your

21 house. Did the other houses have a president as well?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. So there were boys involved across the school, then,

24 in --

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. -- discussions about discipline and how other boys
2 should be punished?

3 A. Basically on a Monday morning, this is basically the
4 only time that we were invited, and this was to do with
5 the weekend leave, or anybody that was still in the
6 school who had done something wrong, or ... and it was
7 just basically a sit down on a Monday morning, where are
8 we, who's all back, and have we got any problems. And
9 that's basically what it was on a Monday morning.

10 Q. At paragraph 87 you say it was really the boys that ran
11 the school and decided the punishment to be meted out.

12 A. Aye. That -- we did, er, the discipline, but we never
13 told, I mean, I wasnae -- I wouldnae go to a boy and
14 say, 'That's you ...' No, it was always a member of
15 staff that did that.

16 Q. I see what you mean. You were involved in the decision
17 making but then the punishment itself was given, was
18 explained to the boy by the staff?

19 A. Yeah, by the staff.

20 Q. The first time you left St Mary's, I think you explain
21 in paragraph 106 that you got released from St Mary's
22 the first time, and we've looked at the date, in
23 [REDACTED] 1973?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Where did you go after that, where did you go from

1 there?

2 A. I went back to St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School in
3 Jordanhill. And there I was blamed for setting fire to
4 the school. I was punished by three members of staff
5 for setting fire to the school. And when I got hame, my
6 ma, obviously, I'm an hour late getting hame, so I tell
7 my ma what happened --

8 Q. I think you tell us you were given the strap 18 times?

9 A. Yeah, six.

10 Q. Were you injured?

11 A. Aye, my wrists and my arms were all swollen. That's why
12 my ma taken me to school the next morning, and we were
13 sitting outside [REDACTED] office, waiting to be
14 called in, and [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] came out and he says, 'Sorry, Mrs [REDACTED],
16 we've got the culprits'. It was two lasses that had set
17 fire to the school, erm, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],
18 they were the two lassies that set fire to the school.

19 So it was after that, that I asked social work to
20 set up so that I could go back to St Mary's, because
21 anything that was happening in St Thomas Aquinas, there
22 was a few of us, there was another couple of guys that
23 had been in approved schools and had been sent back to
24 St Mary's, but anything that happened in the school, we
25 were sort of first choice to go to, to say you done it,

1 or ... and the 18 of the belt, that was actually
2 Mrs [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED], my form tutor, and [REDACTED],
3 six each, no apologies, nothing, that's why I went back
4 to St Mary's.

5 Q. I think in your statement you do tell us that you
6 practically begged to be sent back to St Mary's?

7 A. Yes, at least if you got into trouble there, I mean it's
8 -- but back at St Thomas Aquinas, you were just being
9 accused of doing things all the time, you know.

10 Q. You were back at St Mary's, if you did get into trouble
11 at St Mary's, as yourself being the president of the
12 house, how was that managed? If you did something that
13 was perceived to be wrong, and you were the president?

14 A. I'm no saying I was goody two shoes, but my second
15 period in St Mary's I didnae -- I was working, I was
16 working in a nursery, you know, tomatoes and all that
17 kind of thing. We were given -- so in my second period,
18 and I wasnae president by the second period, I had
19 already been released and that was me coming back for my
20 second period, so in my second period, I didnae do any
21 of that, just concentrated on just getting the time to
22 [REDACTED], out and away.

23 Q. You provide some evidence in your statement about the
24 schooling --

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. -- at St Mary's, and I think you feel that was something
2 that was a positive aspect?

3 A. I loved it.

4 Q. Can you tell me about it?

5 A. Yeah, well, in the morning you would have your normal
6 sort of curriculum, school stuff, but in the afternoon
7 you could go to the brickies, you could go to the
8 joiners, you could go to the farming garden and could
9 you go to some other job, and, er, you know, work.

10 And my angle on that, it was just a lot of guys were
11 shown, but when they left, maybe when they left the
12 school, they didnae carry on with the job but to me it
13 was just a great thing that they were getting
14 experience, you know, at working, and they were only
15 13/14/15 years of age. I don't know how many of them,
16 I just thought it was a great idea that you're getting
17 to do some real work. I mean they built the play barn,
18 and the play barn was the length of a full-sized
19 football park. And the roof was massive, it was just
20 unbelievable what they done, how they built it.

21 Q. That was built by the boys?

22 A. That was built by the boys and the staff.

23 Q. You say this in paragraph 72, you say:

24 'The schooling was excellent.'

25 You say what you have just said, that there was

1 schooling in the morning and in the afternoons you had
2 some kind of trade?

3 A. Yeah. I mean, I went to the kitchen because I was
4 wanting to be a chef. You had the kitchen. You had the
5 bakers, you had the laundry, you had the joiners, you
6 had the brickies, you had the farming garden, you had
7 the engineers, so there was plenty of work to be done in
8 the school as well.

9 Q. I think the point you are making, 'Bobby-Joe', is you
10 say some of the boys that couldn't read and write, they
11 ended up being good at other things, other skills that
12 were taught in the school?

13 A. Yes, and that's -- for me, if I had to teach a boy or
14 a lassie to read and write, where they've got dyslexia
15 or something like that, it doesn't mean to say that they
16 cannae be educated or anything like that. It's just
17 you've got to let them, let the weans do it themselves.
18 Stop putting -- if they want to do something, let them
19 do it, you never know how good they might be at it.

20 Q. You tell us ultimately that you were -- I think you were
21 in St Colomba, the house that was for the pre-release
22 period?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were you put in there for a while?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Did that kind of provide you with some support as to
2 what life might be like when you left St Mary's?
3 A. Yeah.
4 Q. What kind of things did you learn in that part of the
5 school?
6 A. That was all sort of just to -- they sent us out to
7 work, as I say, I worked in a nursery in -- it was near
8 the school, anyway, but we would go out there and we'd
9 just work, you know, collecting tomatoes, or
10 gooseberries, whatever it was, just ... and as I say,
11 I worked wi' old LYT [REDACTED], I worked wi' the engineer
12 of the school, which was Mr Burns, er, I worked with
13 LYT [REDACTED], Bill Franks, HPP [REDACTED] the baker, Wee
14 Chrissie in the laundry and I worked with them all at
15 one time or another.
16 Q. You tell us that you were released ultimately in the
17 [REDACTED]?
18 A. On my birthday.
19 Q. Was a job arranged for you by the school for when you
20 left?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. What was that?
23 A. I start working in [REDACTED] Hotel as a commis chef, and
24 I was getting a tenner a week for that. But I got
25 sacked just at Christmas.

1 Q. I think you tell us in the next part of your statement,
2 [REDACTED] KDZ [REDACTED], you tell us that you were back in jail, you
3 say, around the [REDACTED] --
4 A. Yeah.
5 Q. -- of the following year? Were you in Longriggend for
6 some short periods?
7 A. Yes, I went to Longriggend and ...
8 Q. I think you tell us that you were sentenced as a young
9 offender and went to Glenochil?
10 A. Yeah, three months. And that was just a nightmare of
11 a place. Back then it was called a short... a short,
12 sharp shock treatment. And it was short. Three month.
13 But that was military style. You got up in the morning.
14 You marched. You got out of your bed. You went back to
15 your bed at night. It was just -- a lot of boys didnae
16 go back to jail because of that, and I know --
17 Q. Because of their experience at Glenochil?
18 A. Yeah, yeah. I mean it was... it...
19 Q. You tell us in your statement at paragraph 127, you say:
20 'It was a hellhole where the staff were totally
21 abusive.'
22 A. Yeah, yeah. A lot of them, again, ex-army or
23 ex-military, or whatever. Er, and you had to march
24 everywhere, you had to say, 'Excuse me, sir', every time
25 you walked by a guard. If you didnae say 'Excuse me',

1 you get a slap round the back of the head. They would
2 put you on red grade or yellow grades. Er, if you got
3 a red grade, that was you talking -- you were a very
4 good boy, if you got a yellow grade, then you were all
5 right.

6 MS MACLEOD: You mention in your statement, for example, you
7 say that when you were in the toilet, that you could be
8 made to stop doing the toilet halfway through.

9 A. Yeah, 'Nip it', that's what they would shout, 'Nip it
10 and get out'. You werenae allowed to finish doing the
11 toilet. If you didnae come out when they says, they
12 would kick the toilet open and pull you out.

13 Er, when you were gone for something to eat, it was
14 regimented. You would have to go and stand at your
15 table, four people standing at a table, you would all
16 stand to the one side, put your haun under your chair,
17 pull it out, and then throw it back underneath you, and
18 you'd all sit there. When you had your soup, you
19 werenae allowed to dip your bread in the soup, you had
20 to eat your bread and then -- regimented. Everything.

21 So you got out your bed, made your bed block.

22 I think that's why I ended up joining the TA. Yeah.

23 Q. You mention a staff member who you describe as a bully
24 who I think was in Glenochil?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. You say:

2 'He tried everything to break me.'

3 A. KFL, that was his name. I had missed what -- he
4 says I had missed three weeks of my training, because
5 I had another charge, I got charged wi' about another
6 dozen people when I was at St Thomas Aquinas, and we'd
7 all got done for breach of the peace. So I've went to
8 court and I pled guilty, because I was going to
9 St Mary's, I've just pled guilty to get it out the road.
10 But the other dozen boys and lasses, they had all pled
11 not guilty, so I was called as a witness against them,
12 and when they went up, their cases were thrown out, so
13 I was the only one that pled guilty to a charge.

14 Because of that, I was -- I had went to court, and
15 they gave me three weeks' report whilst I was doing --
16 I was already sentenced to three month. So when that
17 happens, I got set back up to Longriggend, they say
18 you're getting sent back to Glenochil, I was sent back
19 to Longriggend for three weeks' reports. And whilst --
20 after I got back, after three weeks, I had -- I got back
21 on the Wednesday, I had to get through the Thursday and
22 I'm getting released on the Friday morning. And this,
23 this wee guy just, I was told the mile, the half mile,
24 I had done the circuit, it was just everything, threw me
25 down stairs, kicked me, done everything that he could

1 for me to retaliate.

2 Q. You say he was trying to stop you getting out the next

3 day?

4 A. Trying to stop me. He reckoned that I'd missed three

5 weeks of my training, punishment.

6 Q. I think you tell us that you did nothing with the guy

7 apart from say, 'Yes sir'.

8 A. Well, that's all I says to him, 'Yes, sir, no, sir,

9 thank you, sir'.

10 Q. And you got out?

11 A. I got out that Friday morning, aye.

12 Q. You tell us towards the end of your statement,

13 KDZ , about your life after being in care. You

14 provide some information about that. You say that you

15 think you got out of prison, you say, in 1974 and

16 you had various jobs --

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. -- after that.

19 I think you do tell us that you had some spells in

20 prison a few years after that, in 1977 and 1983?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But that from the age of around 21, your life has been

23 more stable?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. You tell us that you did a college course?

1 A. Yep.

2 Q. And that you started your own business?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I would now like to look with you at that part of your
5 statement where you provide some information about the
6 impact that you consider your time in these institutions
7 has had on your life, that's from paragraph 155 onwards.
8 How would you summarise, **KDZ**, the impact
9 that your time in St Mary's in particular had on your
10 life?

11 A. Erm, job-wise it was always going to be -- trying to get
12 a job, leaving school, don't get me wrong, I worked all
13 my life, got my pension last year, got my full pension,
14 so ... but trying to get jobs back, I mean, I ended up
15 being a van boy. I ended up having 44 jobs in my
16 lifetime. Erm, most of it was spent as a van boy when
17 I was young, and then building, er, building everything.
18 I worked for King Charles, I worked for the Duke of
19 Argyll, I worked on Inveraray Castle, I worked at
20 Dumfries House, and things like that. Great, great
21 jobs.

22 But when I left school, er, it was really, really
23 difficult trying to get any kind of employment, other
24 than a van boy type of thing. I wouldnae have got into
25 the shipyards because of my record. And I think any

1 child that's got a record by -- by the time they reach
2 16 years of age, it should be wiped clean. Er, give
3 them a start in life at least, no?

4 Q. In terms of lessons you think might be learnt going
5 forward, something you say is:

6 'It's the system that I'm against.'

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What do you mean there, KDZ, by 'the system'?

9 A. I'm talking things like social work departments, and
10 things like that. I think -- I've seen it happening
11 that social workers can say anything they want, anybody
12 can say anything they want against you, and then you've
13 to go in front of a group of people and explain, or talk
14 about it. Erm, I get -- this system, social work have
15 played a big, big part in my life. A hell of a big part
16 in my life. And they don't listen to you. Er, I'm
17 having problems still today with the Social Work
18 Department. This is because I've got an autistic
19 grandson that the social work want to be involved. We
20 don't want them involved. We're quite happy to do it.
21 But they want to be involved. And I think if anybody
22 wants to be involved, they shouldnae be.

23 Q. One thing you say is that, looking back to your own
24 time, I think when you initially went into institutions,
25 what you say is the punishment didn't fit the crime.

1 A. Definitely, it's -- oh, can I say this part on impact,
2 a guy got sentenced [REDACTED] for murdering [REDACTED],
3 he got 17 years, which we were happy about, but that's
4 the end of it, it's done, let's move on, but that's the
5 first time my family have had justice in any court.

6 Erm, my sister was murdered, the guy didnae spend
7 a day in the jail.

8 Erm, my father was attacked (Inaudible) by five men.
9 Not one of them got the jail.

10 But this has happened to my family at least five
11 times in the last 20 year. What I would call
12 miscarriages of justice. A guy punches my sister, she
13 falls, bangs her head, he kills her, and the judge says
14 there's nae reason for this, deferred sentence.

15 I just don't understand -- when I go to court for
16 stealing a car, and I get two years. To me that just
17 doesnae add up.

18 Q. Something else you say, perhaps following on from that,
19 you say:

20 'To me there are two justice systems.'

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you expand on that?

23 A. Again, it's just -- I spoke about it to somebody ...
24 it's poor people that get fined, rich people don't get
25 fines. This is just one of these things -- that's

1 where -- and I'm no meaning just rich people, I'm no
2 meaning to pick on a ... but I know for a fact I was
3 standing outside the hospital and two polis come up to
4 me, 'What are you doing?', I said, 'I'm having
5 a cigarette' ... nae bother, 'Come here, what's your
6 name?' For smoking a cigarette, honestly?
7 No, it's -- to me that's bullying again. The police
8 just, 'Come here'. That's not the way it should be
9 done. And it was worse back when I was a boy.
10 Q. In terms of staffing and finding staff for institutions,
11 you say:
12 'The staff have got to be vetted.'
13 A. Yeah.
14 Q. You say:
15 'Don't just stick somebody in and say we'll see how
16 they get on after a month'.
17 A. Yeah, to me that's what happened with like KDY [REDACTED], I
18 mean, the school went, 'We'll take a chance'. You
19 cannae take chances on people like that. You cannae
20 take chances on bullies, and that's always been my
21 (Inaudible) in life, is bullies ...
22 Q. In the very final part of your statement you come back,
23 KDZ [REDACTED], to the point of education and particularly
24 the education system at St Mary's.
25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. You say at paragraph 182:

2 'For me the education part was always the thing. If
3 you are no good at English or maths, let people do other
4 things, be a brickie. You can do that for kids as young
5 as 12. If they like the idea of cutting wood, let them
6 do it instead of stuff they are not going to use.

7 'Kids don't need that kind of education where they
8 are learning about history and geography. Maybe there
9 should be a balance.'

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You say:

12 'The education system helped me the way it was at
13 St Mary's. I've always thought the system should be
14 implemented in all secondary schools, but nobody has
15 listened.'

16 A. That's just my personal opinion as to how I seen
17 education. Again, this is because of my grandson,
18 7 years old now, he's autistic, and I see what the
19 school are trying to do wi' him, and it's not working,
20 because he's educating them. He should be getting paid,
21 not them. The teachers in this school are just crazy
22 about him, because last night he was doing French,
23 Italian and Spanish, and he's 7 years of age. There's
24 naebody teaches him this. You know what I mean about
25 the education stuff, you cannae force them, you cannae

1 force them to like something, so let them find what it
2 is they want to find and be good at it.

3 Q. I think what you are saying is to tailor the education
4 to the specific child?

5 A. Yes, I think so. I know you cannae do it with every
6 kid, but there's something to me that says you're
7 sending all these kids -- I remember they used to send
8 kids to -- you know fae primary school, and the top six
9 in the class would maybe go to a private school or
10 a higher school or whatever. Well, something similar
11 should be done, but make it work-focused instead of
12 education.

13 Q. Just before we complete your evidence, KDZ [REDACTED],
14 I know that something you wanted to make clear was that
15 you are here today to speak on behalf of other survivors
16 who are not able to be here.

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. To share what happened to them.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. That's an important point for you?

21 A. There's a couple of the boys that -- they're dead now
22 because they committed suicide. They were only 14 when
23 that happened. This is boys that were sent to Perth
24 prison. [REDACTED], young [REDACTED], er, 15, 14/15.
25 He hung hisself in Perth Prison. Should never have been

1 in Perth Prison. Shouldn't have been there at 14. But
2 [REDACTED]'s no the only one, there's other kids there who
3 should never have been put into these schools. I mean,
4 I went to Woodilee Hospital, I was working at, 1975,
5 I was doing the aerals, putting aerals in every ward.
6 And I seen this young boy walking by and it was one of
7 the boys fae the school. And he was in Woodilee Mental
8 Hospital. He should never have been in St Mary's. He
9 should have been diagnosed way before, and I seen him in
10 1975. I know the system, like, everybody -- there's
11 things get through, but you cannae do that with kids
12 that age. That boy should never have been in Woodilee
13 Hospital, he should have been in a special school.

14 MS MACLEOD: I don't have any further things that I need to
15 ask you today, but before we finish I would like to give
16 you the opportunity, is there anything that you would
17 like to add before we complete your evidence?

18 A. Er, there's that I can really add to it. It's just,
19 I have been doing this five year now, er, and it's taken
20 its toll, as in I'm knackered wi' it. Er, but I'm glad
21 it's coming to an end now as well. Just to see the end
22 of it. As I say, I don't want anything other than that
23 letter, and that will do, I'll be happy with that.

24 Q. That letter, and by that you mean?

25 A. The apology, yeah.

1 MS MACLEOD: Thank you, [REDACTED].

2 LADY SMITH: Can I add my thanks. I am really grateful to
3 you for having spoken as openly and helpfully as you
4 have done to add to your written evidence. I take
5 onboard very much your desire to speak for others as
6 well, you have made that clear, as you were going
7 through, because you have told me not just about what
8 happened to you, but what you were aware of happening to
9 other people. Whilst you are very fair in saying what
10 was good, you have made clear what was not good at
11 all --

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: -- about the places that you were in.
14 Thank you so much for that, and I am now able to let
15 you go and I hope you are able to rest for the rest of
16 today, as I suspect you will be quite weary by the time
17 you get back home.

18 A. Thank you.

19 (The witness withdrew)

20 LADY SMITH: I am about to take the morning break, but there
21 are some names I want to mention before I do.
22 These are the names of people whose identities are
23 protected by my General Restriction Order, and they are
24 not to be identified as mentioned in our evidence
25 outside this room. A Mr [REDACTED], a Mr [REDACTED],

1 LNI [REDACTED], KDN [REDACTED], LYT [REDACTED],
2 KDY [REDACTED], KFL [REDACTED], and also two people who were
3 children in residential care; [REDACTED] and
4 [REDACTED], just the last one mentioned.
5 Thank you very much. We will take the break now and
6 I will sit again at about 11.45 am, we hope the next
7 witness will be ready by then.
8 (11.25 am)
9 (A short break)
10 (11.47 am)
11 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay.
12 MR MACAULAY: My Lady, the next witness is also
13 an applicant. He wants to remain anonymous and to use
14 the pseudonym 'Colin' when giving evidence.
15 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.
16 'Colin' (sworn)
17 LADY SMITH: 'Colin', do sit down and make yourself
18 comfortable.
19 'Colin', first of all I know that some people
20 sometimes have difficulty in hearing me, or counsel,
21 because of the distance between us, despite the
22 microphones. Are you hearing me all right just now?
23 A. Just now, yes.
24 LADY SMITH: Okay. Don't hesitate to tell me or Mr MacAulay
25 if you are having any difficulty.

1 A. I will.

2 LADY SMITH: Please let us know.

3 Then I want to say thank you, thank you for coming

4 here today to help us with your evidence and thank you

5 for the written statement, which is part of your

6 evidence that I already have.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 LADY SMITH: It has been really useful to be able to read

9 that in advance.

10 A. Sorry?

11 LADY SMITH: It has been really useful to be able to read it

12 in advance.

13 A. Right.

14 LADY SMITH: That means that we will just focus on some

15 particular parts of it that we would like to ask you

16 a bit more about.

17 A. Mm-hm.

18 LADY SMITH: The written statement is in that red folder, it

19 will be there if you want to use it. You don't have to.

20 We will also bring parts of it up on that screen in

21 front of you, so you will see it in front of you there,

22 and some people find that helps as well.

23 If at any time you have any questions at all, please

24 speak up. If you have any worries, or concerns, please

25 speak up.

1 A. No problem.

2 LADY SMITH: If you want a break at any time, just say.

3 I do know that what you have agreed to do isn't easy,

4 and by that I mean coming into a public inquiry to

5 answer questions about you, and your life, particularly

6 when you were a child, and when some things that

7 happened to you, I know from your statement, were not at

8 all good. And that can be upsetting. So A break, or

9 anything else that would be helpful, you must just say,

10 will you?

11 A. No bother.

12 LADY SMITH: We will do our best to do this together, to

13 enable you to give the best evidence you can, that's the

14 key, all right.

15 If you are ready, I will hand over to Mr MacAulay

16 and he will take it from there?

17 A. I'm ready, yes.

18 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

19 Questions from Mr MacAulay

20 MR MACAULAY: Yes, good morning, 'Colin'.

21 A. Morning.

22 Q. You are 'Colin', and so am I, so I'm happy that you

23 address me as Colin.

24 To get some context for your evidence, and because

25 you want to remain anonymous, I don't want your date of

1 birth, but just to get that context, can you confirm the
2 year of your birth, and that was 1961?

3 A. 1961.

4 Q. 1961, thank you.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I want to give the reference of your statement for the
7 transcript, and that's WIT-1-000000730. The first
8 thing, 'Colin', I would like you to do for me is to turn
9 to the last page of the statement in the red folder.

10 Can you confirm that you have signed the statement?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In the last paragraph of the statement, paragraph 82, do
13 you say:

14 'I have no objection to my witness statement being
15 published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry.
16 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are
17 true.'

18 Is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You can then go to the beginning of the statement, if
21 you want to have it in front of you, and as you will
22 see, if you look at the screen, it also comes up on the
23 screen. You can use either method to remind yourself as
24 to what you've said.

25 The first thing you tell us in your statement is

1 that you were born in Paisley; is that right?

2 A. That's right.

3 Q. And you had a large family?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Can you just tell me about that? How many siblings did

6 you have? How many brothers and sisters?

7 A. There was five brothers and four sisters. Ten of us,

8 that's including myself. Aye, so there was ten of us so

9 we were all kind of brought up, four of my brothers were

10 actually in St Ninian's as well.

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. Erm, there was only two or three of my family were the

13 only ones that was never in trouble. The rest of us

14 were in trouble, we were always in trouble.

15 Q. You tell us about that early on in your statement,

16 because you say there wasn't a lot of money in the

17 family?

18 A. None.

19 Q. And there were many mouths to feed?

20 A. Yeah. Obviously my father didnae work. He did work for

21 the coal for a wee while, but then lost his job. My

22 mother never, ever worked. So in Ferguslie, it was bad,

23 'cause most folk from Ferguslie never worked, it was

24 just a scheme wi' nobody in it.

25 Q. Did that mean, particularly with regard to having food,

1 that you and others would steal food?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did it also mean that because you were doing that sort

4 of thing, that you weren't going to school?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Now, you do tell us at paragraph 5 of your statement --

7 A. Say again?

8 Q. You do tell us in paragraph 5 of the statement that

9 there was an occasion when you were about 7 years old

10 you ran away?

11 A. Umpteen times, yes.

12 Q. Umpteen times.

13 A. Umpteen times.

14 Q. But you were usually caught by the police and taken back

15 home?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. I think you also tell us that you did end up in a place

18 called Cardross?

19 A. That's correct, yes.

20 Q. Was that for relative short sharp periods of time?

21 A. It was just overnight. That's the first time. The

22 first time I went, it was just an overnight, 'cause

23 I was took to the Panel the next day.

24 Q. You also tell us there was one night that you were in

25 a place called Bellfield; is that right?

1 A. That's correct, yes.

2 Q. I think you say you were in Bellfield perhaps two or
3 three times, something like that?

4 A. I cannae really remember how many times I was in it, but
5 I know I was in a few times anyway.

6 LADY SMITH: 'Colin', can you move just a little bit back
7 from the microphone?

8 A. Right.

9 LADY SMITH: That's great.

10 A. Is that all right?

11 LADY SMITH: It picks you up beautifully there. Microphones
12 are so difficult, if you get too close to them, they
13 blur what you are saying.

14 A. Right, right, sorry.

15 LADY SMITH: But when you are just the right position, it's
16 perfect. That's good.

17 But, 'Colin', relax, don't worry about it.

18 A. I'm fine, I'm fine, honestly.

19 LADY SMITH: Good. Thank you.

20 MR MACAULAY: You go on to tell us that you ended up before
21 the Children's Panel; is that right?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Do you remember that?

24 A. I remember -- I've been at the Panel maybe about three,
25 four times I've been to a Panel. I'm sure about three

1 or four times.

2 Q. Are you able to give us some idea as to what happened on
3 the occasions that you appeared before the Panel?

4 A. On the occasions, the first couple of occasions, I was
5 released. And then I think it was the last time I was
6 at a Panel, I was actually put into St Ninian's. Fae
7 there, I was in St Ninian's for up to a period of
8 five year. Four and half to five year, or something
9 like that, and then I got released.

10 After I got released, I still wouldn't go to school.
11 Still doing a wee bit of stealing, and whatever. Erm,
12 I think it was -- I actually done some, and I actually
13 went to Paisley Sheriff Court for it, and I got
14 remanded, or was it -- no.

15 Q. I can cover this with you, 'Colin'.

16 A. It was either -- I know one of the times when I went,
17 I was only 15 year old, I went to Paisley Sheriff Court,
18 and naebody would take me into their residential schools
19 or anything like would take me in, so I was sent to
20 Longriggend.

21 Q. I will come on to look at that with you in a moment.
22 I will come on and look at that with you in a few
23 minutes.

24 Just to look at the history then, I think what you
25 tell us is you went ultimately to the Panel, and the

1 Panel decided that you needed a place of safety, and
2 that's when you were sent to St Ninian's?

3 A. Uh-huh, yes.

4 Q. Now, the Inquiry have seen records to indicate that you
5 were admitted to St Ninian's in [REDACTED] 1971, so you would
6 be age 9 at that time, does that fit in with your own
7 recollection as to your age when you went to
8 St Ninian's?

9 A. I thought it was 1970 I went.

10 Q. Okay, well --

11 A. I could be wrong. I could be wrong.

12 Q. Well, whether it is 1970 or 1971, you were very young
13 when you went there?

14 A. Uh-huh, I was a young boy, yes.

15 Q. According to the records that we have seen, the
16 supervision requirement that meant that you had to stay
17 at St Ninian's was ended in [REDACTED] 1975?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. When you would be about 12?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. You were at St Ninian's for quite a number of years?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You go on in your statement to tell us about your
24 experiences at St Ninian's, and in particular that it
25 was run by the De La Salle Brothers, is that right?

1 A. That was correct, yes.

2 Q. Now, I think it has been explained to you, and I will
3 just repeat this, 'Colin', that the Inquiry has already
4 looked at St Ninian's.

5 A. Say again?

6 Q. The Inquiry has already looked at St Ninian's --

7 A. Right.

8 Q. -- in one of the early chapters of the evidence.
9 Lady Smith has looked at your statement, and knows what
10 you say in your statement about St Ninian's.

11 A. Mm-hm.

12 Q. Clearly Lady Smith will give serious consideration to
13 what you say in your statement about St Ninian's. So
14 that means that I am not going to spend much time
15 looking at St Ninian's in detail, just to take from you
16 that you were there for a number of years --

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. -- and can you tell me, in a word or two, was it a happy
19 or unhappy experience?

20 A. Unhappy. Er, obviously one of the members of staff, who
21 was a woodwork teacher, he was the most violent. Erm,
22 if you done something silly, he would get wee blocks of
23 wood, fling them at you, and you couldnae get near him
24 because he'd a big piece of wood which held you back.
25 And I would try and go to him, but it never, ever

1 happened. He was one of the worst -- worst members of
2 staff. He wasnae a Brother, he was a civil.

3 Q. I think your main complaint is really being physically
4 abused when you were at St Ninian's?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. Can I then move on to when you came to leave
7 St Ninian's, and as I have indicated --

8 A. When I came what?

9 Q. When you came to leave St Ninian's.

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. That was in [REDACTED] 1975, at the age of 12?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. You agree with that, that fits in with your own
14 recollection?

15 A. Mm-hm.

16 Q. At paragraph 42, if we move on to that paragraph, what
17 you tell us is that when you went home after being at
18 St Ninian's, you found that your mum and dad had
19 separated?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. What did you then do when you went back home?

22 A. Obviously I stayed wi' different members of my family
23 who were older. Aye, but they did try and help, but at
24 the same time they had no money, so I had to do
25 something to get money, and I was still doing a wee bit

1 of stealing, and whatever. And obviously I got caught,
2 caught a couple of times and then I was actually --
3 I cannae remember if it was back at the Panel, or was it
4 the Sheriff Court, that put me back, tried to put me
5 back to Bellfield, in fact I think it was the Panel,
6 they tried to put me back into Bellfield. And the
7 thingmy, the gentleman, what do you call him again?
8 Q. One of the panel members, was it? One of the panel
9 members spoke to you?
10 A. I can't ...
11 Q. When you say 'the gentleman', are you talking about
12 a panel member?
13 A. Social worker, a social worker.
14 Q. A social worker?
15 A. A social worker. He took me to Bellfield. I had it in
16 my head when I got out the motor, I done a runner.
17 Right, and then I think it was maybe a couple of weeks
18 after or summat like that, it was a wee time after that
19 anyway, I done it again and the Sheriff Court sent me to
20 Longriggend.
21 Q. That's what you tell us, if you look at paragraph 43 of
22 your statement, because what you say there is:
23 'When I turned 14, I was sent to Longriggend for
24 three weeks.'
25 You go on to say, and I will just read this to you:

1 'They were not happy with me being there as a young
2 13-year old had quite recently committed suicide in
3 there.'

4 You go on to say that you were given a twelve month
5 sentence, and you were sent back to Longriggend?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. But that was only so that a place could be found for you
8 somewhere else?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It was after that, after a couple of weeks, that you
11 were sent to St Mary's?

12 A. St Mary's, yes.

13 Q. According to the records that the Inquiry has seen, you
14 went to St Mary's in [REDACTED] 1976, does that accord --

15 A. That's correct, yes.

16 Q. -- with your recollection?

17 You were still aged 14 at that time, in [REDACTED] 1976?

18 A. No, 13. 14 --

19 Q. You think 13?

20 A. I cannae remember.

21 Q. It doesn't matter?

22 LADY SMITH: If it was [REDACTED] 1976 --

23 A. 15.

24 LADY SMITH: I think you had -- well, 14.

25 A. Aye, because I was 15 when I got out of St Ninian's.

1 LADY SMITH: I don't think you'd had your 15th birthday by
2 the time that you went to St Mary's.
3 A. No, that was actually up in Saughton Prison.
4 LADY SMITH: Don't worry about that at the moment, and the
5 exact age doesn't matter but it gives me a feel of how
6 old you were, and I think you were 14, not yet 15. You
7 would be 15 next birthday?
8 A. Mm-hm, aye, aye.
9 MR MACAULAY: Okay, 'Colin', can you tell me what you
10 remember when you first arrived at St Mary's?
11 A. St Mary's. When I first arrived, things were actually
12 not too bad, erm --
13 Q. Before we come to what happened, who did you meet first
14 of all when you got there?
15 A. The headmaster.
16 Q. Can you remember his name?
17 A. Er, Mr Forbes.
18 Q. Yes. You also mentioned SNR [REDACTED],
19 Mr KDN [REDACTED], do you remember him?
20 A. I do, yes.
21 Q. I think you do tell us that two of your brothers had
22 spent some time at St Mary's, is that right, before you?
23 A. That's correct, yes.
24 Q. Did they give you any advice as to how you should
25 behave?

1 A. No.

2 Q. You go on to describe the building. Can you just help
3 me, though, with that? What sort of building was it?

4 A. Say that again?

5 Q. Can you tell me what sort of building St Ninian's (sic)
6 was?

7 A. Red sandstone. When you were heading off to Kenmure,
8 into the left, and it was on the right-hand side. Erm,
9 once you went in the door, you turned to your left and
10 you were in the headmaster's office. Next to it was the
11 deputy headmaster's office. Right? And then along on
12 the right-hand side was a room all the boys go in -- for
13 meetings into, so it was, where we were took in for --
14 erm, for the staff to talk to us, to see what you wanted
15 to do. Right? And on the left-hand side was the
16 canteen, where you went for your food.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Right? Up the stairs was the dormitories.

19 Q. Was that where you went to sleep, eventually?

20 A. Uh-huh, yes.

21 Q. You have mentioned a couple of names of the members of
22 staff. Can you remember any other names of staff
23 members?

24 A. The ones I can remember would be zHXC, one of
25 the -- I think it was KHF, KHE, I think,

1 another one was -- the reason I know this one, Mrs KHI ,
2 because her brother had done [REDACTED] on the
3 television. The reason I know that is 'cause she told
4 me about it, she told me who her brother was.

5 Q. In your statement, at paragraph 46, you also mention
6 Bill Franks?

7 A. Mr Shields.

8 Q. And Bill Franks, do you remember Bill Franks?

9 A. I remember Bill Franks, yes. Bill Franks was the cook.

10 Q. You also mention at 47 that there was a housemistress,
11 and that she was somebody you could talk to.

12 A. Aye, Geraldine, Geraldine was one of the members of
13 staff that listened to you, and she was quite --
14 Geraldine was all right, I didnae really have any
15 problems with her.

16 Q. When you were there, 'Colin', I think you tell us it was
17 all boys that were there?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Have you any sense as to how many boys were there when
20 you were there?

21 A. Say it again?

22 Q. Do you have any sense as to how many boys were there,
23 for numbers?

24 A. I'd say between 70 to 100, or summat like that, maybe.

25 Q. You go on to tell us about aspects of the routine, and

1 we can read that for ourselves, we needn't look at the
2 detail of that. But one thing you do tell us is that
3 you got boxing lessons. This is at paragraph 54.

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Can you just tell me about that?

6 A. Well, I -- I actually used to be in Mr Maguire's
7 classroom, right, and I did have a few arguments with
8 him, right, but he used to take you for boxing lessons.
9 Erm, when you were doing boxing lessons and things like
10 that, he was quite good, showing you what to do and how
11 to thingmy do things, right. 'Cause he actually got us
12 a boxing night in Barrhead one night, so he did. Erm,
13 but, as I say, he wasnae -- in the classroom he wasnae
14 that good, right? It was -- I think he was a maths
15 teacher, if I'm right. And if you got quite a lot of
16 your maths wrong then he would start shouting at you and
17 whatever. But I always got mine wrong 'cause at that
18 time I still couldn't read and write perfectly, and
19 obviously I couldnae count, erm, but ...

20 Q. What you say about the boxing, 'Colin', is that the
21 boxing wasn't a punishment, it was a genuine --

22 A. Oh no, no, it wasn't a punishment, no, no. It was just
23 giving you a wee bit of, how can I say it, something to
24 look forward to.

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. Something to look forward to.

2 Q. You tell us also, this is at paragraph 57, that the food
3 was really good?

4 A. Aye.

5 Q. You liked the food?

6 A. Yes, the food was good, aye, I liked the food.

7 Q. Can I just ask you then, you mentioned maths, can I just
8 ask you about schooling. What was the schooling like at
9 St Mary's?

10 A. Well, my schooling wasn't up to much, right? I was
11 actually in, like, class 1, right? Erm, I cannae
12 remember the teacher's name who ... but her husband had
13 the other class, class 4 or class 5, right, erm, but
14 when you got in to any -- if you started arguing with
15 his wife, she would go up and get him and he would come
16 down, right, and obviously you had shorts on, and he'd
17 get you to lift your shorts up at the side and he'd tap
18 you, he had big hands, right, and he would slap you with
19 a thingmy, right. But for some reason I never, ever,
20 cried for him, I just used to laugh at him. And I got
21 that one or two extra, because I wouldnae greet.

22 But when you went in his class for music, he was
23 actually quite good, 'cause he learnt me how to play
24 guitar, and things like that, right, and we had a couple
25 of nights going and playing for folk. But, erm, his

1 missus, as I said, she made him do quite a lot of stuff.

2 Q. What you have described is this person pulling up your

3 shorts and hitting you on your bare backside?

4 A. No, side leg.

5 Q. Side leg?

6 A. Aye.

7 Q. Okay. How many times would he hit you?

8 A. He would normally hit somebody about maybe two, right,

9 because it was sore, right, I know it was sore, right.

10 But as I say, I'm getting an extra one or two times

11 because I just laughed at him. He never, ever got me to

12 greet, I just wouldnae greet for him. Erm, the amount

13 of times it happened, I couldnae tell you, 'cause I know

14 it was quite a few times.

15 Q. One thing you tell us about schooling is that you at

16 that time really didn't -- you weren't interested in

17 learning?

18 A. Sorry, say that again?

19 Q. One thing you tell us in your statement, 'Colin', is

20 that at that time you weren't really interested in

21 learning?

22 A. In my what?

23 Q. In learning stuff?

24 A. Aye, no, no, I didnae, even when I went to St Mary's,

25 I still didnae have any interest. My schooling was,

1 I just, that's why I got hit so many times, because
2 I wouldnae listen to what she said. Honestly, I just
3 played dumb. I wouldnae do what she told me, and just
4 sat there and laughed.

5 LADY SMITH: Well, of course, 'Colin', you had come out of
6 St Ninian's --

7 A. Pardon?

8 LADY SMITH: You had come out of St Ninian's --

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 LADY SMITH: -- where you went when you were younger and
11 St Ninian's hadn't taught you the basics of reading and
12 writing and dealing with numbers.

13 A. Ma'am, they did, they did try, but I wouldnae listen to
14 them. I wouldn't accept it. That's why.

15 LADY SMITH: You are very fair.

16 A. Mm-hm.

17 LADY SMITH: But they should have been achieving at least
18 that for you, shouldn't they?

19 A. I know they should have done a wee bit better, right,
20 but there was maybe about 12, 14, 15 folk in a class --

21 LADY SMITH: Yes.

22 A. -- or summat like that, right, and she just cannae --
23 she just couldnae take to one person to try to help
24 them. She has to help everybody else, right. And most
25 of the folk in the class would, because obviously when

1 I met them in the jail, I met some of the boys in the
2 jail, and they could write, read and write, and
3 I actually met some of them in St Mary's as well, right,
4 and they could read and write. When I went to
5 St Mary's, I still couldnae read and write, 'cause
6 I wouldnae listen, and I wasnae interested in the class,
7 I just wasn't interested in the class. So that's why
8 she got her man down to do what he did.

9 MR MACAULAY: Were other boys dealt with by this man in that
10 same way as you were?

11 A. Yes, aye. There was actually -- in my class maybe four
12 or five, maybe six, that got the same thing, because
13 obviously they would just get fed up and no listen to
14 what she says, and she would go and get her man, and
15 that was it.

16 Q. You go on to tell us in your statement, 'Colin', that
17 you didn't have visits from your family, because you got
18 weekend leave, you got home at the weekend?

19 A. I only got -- when I went to St Mary's fae Longriggend,
20 I was actually supposed to go into the closed block, but
21 the headmaster kept me out 'cause he knew my other two
22 brothers. He said, 'Your other two brothers were fine',
23 he says, 'I quite believe, you'll be the same, KHG',
24 he said, 'I'm no putting you in the closed block, I'm
25 keeping you out', right, he said, 'But the only thing

1 is, you'll no getting any leave at the weekend.'

2 And I was like that, right, fine, and it took me

3 some -- I did get leave, it took me something like maybe

4 three, six months, or summat like that, before I got

5 a leave, because he got me down into the office on the

6 Friday, 'KHG', I'm going to let you out this weekend,

7 but you're no going out 'til the Saturday, and you're

8 back the Sunday'. And I'm like, 'Right, fine'. It only

9 happened a couple of times, it didn't happen every week,

10 just a couple of times it happened.

11 Q. Did you have any visits from anyone from the social work

12 when you were at St Mary's?

13 A. No, not that I can remember. Not that I can remember.

14 I don't think so.

15 Q. You tell us in paragraph 62, if we can have that on the

16 screen for you:

17 'If some of the staff were of the opinion that you

18 had done something wrong, there were different

19 punishments.'

20 Can you just help me with that, what sort of

21 punishments would be given out by members of staff? You

22 have told us about the smacking on the bottom, what

23 else?

24 A. Obviously, depends who it was, right. They would hit

25 you, right, and obviously you would lose your pocket

1 money on a Saturday, right, you wouldnae get that. But
2 I cannae -- I'm trying to think. No the second one, but
3 the third one in charge, I cannae even remember his
4 name.

5 Q. That doesn't matter, that doesn't matter.

6 A. He would take your pocket money off you, 'cause he knew
7 what you had done through the week, or summat like that,
8 right.

9 Obviously when they hit you in front of folk, right,
10 I was never, ever hit off of him, but other members of
11 staff, aye, if you were fooling around and they told you
12 to stop and things like that, I was one of these
13 persons, I just wouldnae listen to them. And then you'd
14 end up getting hit.

15 But there was one of them, I actually went a square
16 go with one of the members of staff, right, it was in
17 the TV room, there was only three there; me, him,
18 another member of staff, who was an ex-police officer,
19 and we were on at each other, and I was like: 'Let's
20 go, right, you're saying you're gonna do this and you're
21 gonna do that, well, I'll tell you, I'm gonna do this
22 and I'm gonna do that'. And the other member of staff,
23 'Why don't youse go for a fight, have a fight?'.
24

25 Had the fight, and then he came up five minutes
later and stopped it, 'Right, that's it, finished with'.

1 Q. Was the fight you had with another boy?

2 A. No, a member of staff. zHXC, never forget his

3 name.

4 Q. So was he hitting you?

5 A. Both of us hitting each other.

6 Q. How did that end up?

7 A. Pardon?

8 Q. How did that finish, how did it end up?

9 A. The other member of staff came on and stopped it. Both

10 of us were hitting each other. I was punching him, he

11 was punching me, slapping him, whatever. Erm, and then

12 another member of staff came over and stopped it. He

13 says, 'That's enough'.

14 Q. You go on in your statement to tell us about something

15 that happened when you went to the cinema. This is at

16 paragraph 63. Can I just ask you about that? You begin

17 by saying that when you were 13 or 14 and at a weekend

18 you and another boy were taken to the cinema?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Can you explain to me what happened?

21 A. We were sitting in the cinema, right, up at the top, in

22 a corner, right. The other boy I'm talking about died

23 a couple of year ago, right, I was sitting there, he's

24 sitting there, and I think her name was KHF, who was

25 sitting in the middle, and she started masturbating the

1 two of us, no just one of us, both of us, right? After
2 the cinema, when we went home, erm, back to the school,
3 she was from Kenmure, and you got Kenmure Avenue, there
4 was a place on the left-hand side, a big square bit of
5 ground, she took us in there and had sex with us as
6 well.

7 Q. What was her job at St Mary's?

8 A. Erm, she was, what do you call them? Like a kind of
9 student thing. But was actually kept on, and she was
10 only supposed to be there for so long, but she was
11 actually kept on, because she was still there when
12 I went away.

13 Q. After these incidents you have told us about, did you
14 have anything more to do with her during your time
15 there?

16 A. Say it again?

17 Q. After what you have been telling us about, did you have
18 any more dealings with her?

19 A. No, that was the only time.

20 Q. You also go on and tell us at paragraph 65 about another
21 incident involving a cleaner?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Can you tell me about that?

24 A. That was Mrs KHI, right. I was actually down where
25 they park the tractors, I was in at the back, I was

1 having a cigarette and she just came in, she cleaned for
2 the headmaster, cleaned his house right up, right, and
3 she's came in. She was still kind of half drunk,
4 I think, right, 'cause you could smell the drink off
5 her, right, and she is like that: 'I've been up all
6 night, I've just met a new boyfriend.' She says: 'All I
7 have been doing is having sex and drink all night.' And
8 then she came over and started doing things to me.
9 Q. And what happened?
10 A. Had sex, she had sex with me.
11 Q. What age were you at this time, do you think?
12 A. 14/15.
13 Q. You also go on to tell us about a student that you had
14 some --
15 A. KHF was a student.
16 Q. Sorry?
17 A. KHF was a student.
18 Q. Sorry?
19 A. KHF was a student.
20 Q. I am looking at paragraph 66, where you mention another
21 student that you had some contact with?
22 A. Oh, right, aye.
23 Q. Can you help me with that?
24 A. Aye, I remember that.
25 Q. What happened?

1 A. Erm, went to bed one night. After the lights got put
2 out, she's walked round, there was three or four of us
3 in a dorm, one, two, three, three, I think it is, right,
4 and she came on to the bed and she started playing about
5 with me, and we heard -- she heard one of the members of
6 staff coming and just walked away. She wasn't there
7 that long.

8 Q. When you say 'playing about with you', was that in
9 a sexual way?

10 A. Sexual way, yes.

11 Q. Did you report any of these incidents to senior staff?

12 A. No. Didnae think it would have done any good.

13 Q. Why not?

14 A. I mean, I just didnae think it would have done any good,
15 so I just kind of let it go.

16 Q. Let's then look, 'Colin', at the time when you came to
17 leave St Mary's. I think the date that we have would be
18 in [REDACTED] 1977, when you were 15; does that fit in with
19 your own thinking?

20 A. Say again?

21 Q. Yes, let's look at when you came to leave St Mary's.
22 The date from the records suggest that that would be in
23 [REDACTED] 1977, when you were 15?

24 A. That's right, aye.

25 Q. You were 15 when you came to leave?

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. What happened then? Where did you go when you left?

3 A. I went to Saughton Prison, Saughton Young Offenders.

4 Q. I think in fact what you tell us is you that had home

5 leave and you were involved in an incident that led you

6 go to Saughton?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. That was in [REDACTED] 1977?

9 A. Around about then, aye.

10 Q. You went to court?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. And what happened?

13 A. I got a three-year sentence.

14 Q. I think what you tell us, initially you went to

15 Longriggend?

16 A. That's correct, yes.

17 Q. For a couple of weeks; is that right?

18 A. Mm-hm.

19 Q. You were then transferred to the young offenders unit at

20 Saughton Prison?

21 A. That's right, yes.

22 Q. That's how you ended up going to Saughton.

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. What about the food at Saughton?

25 A. Say again?

1 Q. What about the food, how did you find the food?

2 A. The food wasnae too good. Sometimes it would be all

3 right, other times it wasnae.

4 Q. One thing you do tell us about Saughton is the impact

5 that Saughton had on your education?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Can you tell me about that?

8 A. Obviously 'cause I was only 15 year old, I had to go to

9 classes, school, right? There wasnae many of us there,

10 I can't remember how many were there. But one of the

11 members of staff, obviously when I first started, I told

12 her, I says, 'Listen, I cannae read and I cannae write'.

13 She started asking me, 'What do you mean by that?'

14 I told her, right? And she was like, 'KHG', I'll help

15 you.' And Saughton is actually one of the best places

16 I ever was, 'cause that's where I learned to read and

17 write. That lassie helped me a lot, so she did. She

18 got me working well. Erm, there was never any animosity

19 wi' her, like, 'I cannae do this, and I cannae do that'.

20 'Don't say you cannae do it, I'll show you how it's done

21 and then you will be able to do it'.

22 That teacher helped me quite a lot, so she did.

23 Q. I think you do tell us that before you left Saughton you

24 were able to read and to write?

25 A. Say again?

1 Q. Before you left Saughton you could read and you could
2 write?

3 A. Yes, aye, I could read and write when I left Saughton.
4 That teacher done well for me, that's the best thing
5 that ever happened.

6 Q. Then when you came to leave Saughton, I think you tell
7 us that you were about 17 when you came to leave
8 Saughton, aged 17?

9 A. I'd done -- I only done summat like 18 months in
10 Saughton. I only done half the sentence and then I got
11 parole.

12 Q. How would you describe your experience at Saughton?

13 A. My experience in Saughton was -- a couple of the members
14 of staff were bad, like any other jail, right, I was
15 ever in. But I would say quite a lot of the staff were
16 quite good. Not that they would -- if you asked them
17 for help or anything like that, if you asked them help
18 and they could do it, they would do it, right, but
19 otherwise like that, 'Beat it, eff off, don't even ask
20 me'. Know what I mean. But when I was in Saughton
21 I seen quite a few folk getting doings for nothing
22 whatsoever. Right, and I might've got slapped about,
23 but I didnae get any real doing.

24 Q. Let's then take you to when you left Saughton; did you
25 go back home?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What was that like?

3 A. Erm, well, actually, that's when I kinda started doing
4 scrap metal, right. I've dealt with scrap metal quite
5 a long time, so I have. I've got my own business and
6 whatever, me and my son, right. Very successful, right.
7 And that's how I got into scrap metal. When I went back
8 home, like my brother used to do it too, right, and it
9 was actually him that took me out one day to do it, and
10 then when I -- you seen the money he was getting, and
11 I was getting a wage off him, a couple of years after
12 I went myself, and that was it. I've never looked back.

13 Q. But --

14 A. I used to take, like, once I was in it quite a few year,
15 I would take time off at times, and go and work in
16 a building site or summat like that, right? But I had
17 quite a lot of folk I got the scrap metal off, and I was
18 telling them, and I've put some of them on the job, I'll
19 be back maybe six months, maybe a year, I'll get it
20 back, nae bother, and I got my scrap metal back, and the
21 boy who done it, when I went back, he went away, and
22 I took back over. I done it, I did do it a few times,
23 'cause I did get a wee bit fed up wi' it, right, and
24 it's now I'm fed up wi' it, I cannae do it any longer,
25 'cause my back, hip and my knee. I just, I cannae work.

1 Q. I was going to ask you about the scrap metal business,
2 and I may come back to that, but before that, what you
3 tell us in your statement is that you did go to borstal
4 after you left?

5 A. Oh, aye, aye, when I was 20-year old.

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Aye, 20-year old, aye.

8 Q. We needn't look at the detail of that, but I think what
9 you tell us is there came a point in time when you -- as
10 you put it in your statement -- sorted yourself out?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. I think you met your partner and you had a family; is
13 that right?

14 A. That's correct, I've got three kids.

15 Q. Okay. As you have just been telling us, 'Colin', you
16 developed your own scrap metal business?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So far as the reporting of what happened to you is
19 concerned, did there come a point in time where you did
20 go to the police to report what had happened?

21 A. Say that --

22 Q. Did there come a point in time when you reported to the
23 police, told the police, what had happened to you?

24 A. When I went to the police and they took my statement,
25 right, I got a phone call six month/a year later, or

1 anything like that. When I first went and they would
2 take my statement, the officer, there was two officers;
3 one was a lady and one was a gentleman, right, and the
4 officer, the police officer man, he was like that, as if
5 he was putting me under pressure, saying, 'How can you
6 be abused by three different folk, three different
7 women, in the same approved school?' I'm like, 'I'm
8 telling you what I know about what's happened to me'.
9 He was like that, 'Well, I think you could be wrong
10 here'. And I'm like that, 'Now, you're putting me under
11 pressure, right, and I'm not happy wi' it', and then
12 they phoned me back no long after it, and like that,
13 'We cannae find any of the women, any of the women's
14 names', and I says, 'I don't know why', I says,
15 'Because the three of them worked there'.
16 Q. I take it from what you have said nothing came of it?
17 A. Nothing came of it, no. I don't think they were
18 interested. You see, the way the policeman was going
19 on, he was the kind of main man on the job, taking the
20 statement, right. I just think he just wasn't
21 interested in what I was saying.
22 Q. You go on then at paragraph 80 to tell us about what
23 lessons should be learned from your experience, and
24 I will read that out to you. It will be on the screen
25 in front of you:

1 'Both St Ninian's and St Mary's never taught
2 anything about what was right and wrong. Maybe if it
3 was part of the teaching it might have changed some
4 people, maybe not me because of my family background,
5 but someone would have benefited. There was no
6 rehabilitation in either place.'

7 A. No.

8 Q. That's your position?

9 A. That's true. No for me, anyway. Obviously I've told
10 you, I've says to youse, I wasn't interested in the
11 first place anyway, so that's -- but that's my opinion.
12 If they really wanted me to be able to read and write,
13 they should have maybe put a wee bit of pressure, no hit
14 me. Put a wee bit of pressure on me, don't hit me,
15 right, but it didnae work that way.

16 Q. It worked that way in Saughton, when you went to
17 Saughton?

18 A. Oh, aye, definitely, aye, the best place I ever went to,
19 honestly, the best place I ever went to.

20 Q. Just looking to your hopes for the Inquiry, again I will
21 read that out:

22 'I would like see the people who abused me dealt
23 with in the right manner. I can't see that it was just
24 me that these things happened to. There will be more
25 boys affected in the same way it has affected me.'

1 A. Mm-hm, that's correct. And can I say something?

2 Q. Of course.

3 A. My young brother I lived with, aye, he's actually got
4 a thing in for St Ninian's as well, he's not told me
5 what it's about, he told me two weeks ago, right, I went
6 home and he was like that, 'KHG', I need to tell you',
7 and he told me, he said, 'I've got a thing in against
8 St Ninian's.'

9 He knew I had done it myself, right, but I don't
10 know what he's put in, so my other brother, my other
11 three brothers, they're already dead, my youngest
12 brother who was in just after me, I was there when he
13 came in, and I was there, and my young brother, the one
14 I stayed with, right, I was there when he was there, and
15 my older brother had just left before he came in. So
16 obviously he's not told me what it's about, why he's got
17 a complaint in, but he has got a complaint in too.

18 Q. There you are talking about St Ninian's?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR MACAULAY: These are all the questions I have for you
21 today, 'Colin'. These are all the questions I have for
22 you.

23 Is there anything else you would like to say?

24 A. As I have says on that, I would like -- don't get me
25 wrong, I think most of them are all maybe dead now, but

1 I would have loved it to have been a lot earlier, so as
2 they would all go to the places I was in, the prisons
3 I was in, because they deserved it. We didnae deserve
4 what we got. There was nae need for it. Okay, as
5 I told you, maybe a bit not interested, but there are
6 other ones there, and I know they had good things out of
7 it, good experience out of it, and whatever, but they
8 still got battered as well, and to me that should never
9 have happened, it should never have took place anywhere.
10 It should never have took place.

11 And that's why, if there's any of them still living
12 today, I'd like to see them go to court and get
13 sentenced, I would like to see them, 'cause I would
14 stand in the court and laugh at them, so I would.

15 That's my opinion.

16 MR MACAULAY: Well, very well, 'Colin', thank you for what
17 you have just said, and thank you for coming to the
18 Inquiry to give your evidence.

19 A. No bother. Any time.

20 MR MACAULAY: Thank you.

21 A. Any time.

22 LADY SMITH: 'Colin', let me add my thanks. Let me add my
23 thanks.

24 A. No bother, thank you. Thank you for listening.

25 LADY SMITH: I am very grateful for you for everything you

1 have helped us with.

2 A. No bother.

3 LADY SMITH: You are now able to go and do other things for

4 the rest of the day, I hope that are less pressure than

5 being here.

6 A. Right, thanks.

7 (The witness withdrew)

8 LADY SMITH: Just before we move on to the next stage, some

9 more names. 'Colin' mentioned ZHXC [REDACTED], KHF [REDACTED],

10 KHE [REDACTED], Mrs KHI [REDACTED], and he also used his own first name

11 quite a number of times. These are identities that are

12 all protected by my General Restriction Order and the

13 people are not to be identified as referred to in our

14 evidence outside this room.

15 Mr MacAulay, time to read in a statement or not?

16 MR MACAULAY: I wouldn't be able to guarantee it could be

17 done in 20 minutes, because the next witness --

18 LADY SMITH: Should we leave it?

19 MR MACAULAY: I think it is best left until after the next

20 witness.

21 LADY SMITH: If the next one is too long to be confident of

22 now, and I would rather not rush it, every one matters.

23 MR MACAULAY: Yes.

24 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

25 I will rise now and the next witness we will hear at

1 2 o'clock.

2 (12.41 pm)

3 (The luncheon adjournment)

4 (2.00 pm)

5 LADY SMITH: Good afternoon, we turn to the third witness of

6 today, who is giving evidence in person. I think the

7 witness is ready; is that right?

8 MS MACLEOD: Good afternoon, my Lady, that is right.

9 The witness is an applicant who will remain

10 anonymous and use the pseudonym 'Nemo' during his

11 evidence.

12 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

13 'Nemo' (sworn)

14 LADY SMITH: 'Nemo', do sit down and make yourself

15 comfortable.

16 A. Thank you.

17 LADY SMITH: 'Nemo', thank you for coming along this

18 afternoon to help us with your evidence in person. I am

19 really grateful to you for being able to do that.

20 A. You're welcome.

21 LADY SMITH: As you know, I already have your written

22 statement, and that is evidence before the Inquiry

23 already. It is in the red folder that's on the desk in

24 front of you --

25 A. Yes.

1 LADY SMITH: -- and it has been really useful for me to be
2 able to study it in advance.

3 This afternoon will focus on some particular parts
4 of it that we would like to explore with you, but of
5 course if there is anything you want to tell us --

6 A. Yes, okay.

7 LADY SMITH: -- that we are not asking you about, feel free
8 to do so.

9 Sometimes when people come to give evidence, doing
10 what you are doing, they may think, 'I can cope with the
11 whole public Inquiry thing, giving evidence in this type
12 of forum', but what can take them by surprise is when
13 they are talking about their own life, particularly when
14 they were children --

15 A. Yes.

16 LADY SMITH: -- and talking about difficult things that
17 happened then.

18 A. Trauma.

19 LADY SMITH: It can be upsetting, you may need a break, you
20 may need a pause or you may just need us to explain
21 things differently or not ask you about something that
22 you really don't feel able to talk about. So you help
23 me help you.

24 A. Yeah.

25 LADY SMITH: If it works for you it will work for me and

1 Ms MacLeod will be the same and I hope together, we will
2 be able to enable you to give the best evidence that you
3 can to help the Inquiry, all right?

4 A. Thank you.

5 LADY SMITH: Ms MacLeod, when you are ready.

6 MS MACLEOD: My Lady.

7 Questions from Ms MacLeod

8 MS MACLEOD: Good afternoon, 'Nemo'.

9 A. Good afternoon, my Lady.

10 Q. I don't need your date of birth, but to give a timeframe
11 for your evidence, can you confirm that you were born in
12 [REDACTED] 1964?

13 A. Yes, I was.

14 Q. You have provided a statement for the Inquiry and there
15 is a copy of that statement in the red folder in front
16 of you. I am just going to give the reference for the
17 statement. It is WIT-1-000000983. 'Nemo' could you
18 turn to the very last page of the statement to check if
19 you have signed the statement?

20 A. I have... that's my... that's my signature.

21 Q. In the very last paragraph do you say:

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

24 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are
25 true.'

1 A. Yes, that's correct.

2 Q. Thank you for confirming that.

3 I will now go back to the beginning of your

4 statement and look at some aspects that you discuss

5 there. Just by way of background, I think you tell us

6 that you were born in Dalkeith?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And that your mother and father were great?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. I think you say that you attended primary school, and

11 that you liked it there?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You were quite happy during that time --

14 A. Yes, I was.

15 Q. -- in your life?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You tell us that, I think, when you were at school that

18 there was one of the teachers there that -- I think you

19 use the word, you used to 'fight' with?

20 A. Yes, a Mr [REDACTED].

21 Q. Could you just tell me a little about that?

22 A. Yes, I used to attend, before I left, after I left

23 primary school I went to St David's High School. But my

24 education wasn't there, so I ended up going to a special

25 school in [REDACTED] that was for, let's say remedial

1 kids. And this teacher, I was always fighting with him,
2 you know. I don't know why, I still don't know to this
3 day why I was fighting, why he was trying to restrain
4 me, you know. All I can put it back to is my childhood,
5 how I was brought up.

6 Q. I think you say that as a result of the difficulties you
7 were having at the school, that you were sent to
8 a Children's Panel?

9 A. That's correct, yes.

10 Q. Were you sent to Liberton Assessment Centre?

11 A. I was.

12 Q. Was that when you were around 13 or so?

13 A. I was, that's correct.

14 Q. What you tell us here in relation to the Children's
15 Panel is you say that you didn't really understand what
16 was going on, and I just wanted to ask you about that.
17 Did anybody explain to you why you were there or what
18 was going to happen?

19 A. No, no, I was -- I didn't know why I was at a Children's
20 Panel, because I was, as I say, I was young, very young.
21 But I knew it was because of my behaviour, you know,
22 I understood, I knew that I was there because of my
23 behaviour. But I didn't know I was going to be going
24 into care at that time, you know.

25 Q. I think you tell us in paragraph 13 of your statement,

1 'Nemo', that you were sent straight from a Panel to
2 Liberton Assessment Centre, first of all?

3 A. That's correct, I was there for six weeks at Liberton
4 Assessment Centre, Howdenhall.

5 Q. While you were there, were you taken to another Panel?

6 A. I was, yes.

7 Q. Was it from there that you went to St Mary's Kenmure --

8 A. That's correct, yes.

9 Q. -- in Bishopbriggs?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You tell us there, you say you thought you were going
12 home?

13 A. I did, actually, I thought I was going home after my
14 period of being in an assessment centre. And my mother
15 and father fought -- well, my father fought to get me
16 out, but the Panel had made their mind up that I was
17 going to be going to a List D school, an approved
18 school, you know.

19 LADY SMITH: 'Nemo'.

20 A. Yes?

21 LADY SMITH: I am sorry to be a nuisance, but could I ask
22 you just to get a little bit closer to the microphone --

23 A. Oh, sorry my Lady.

24 LADY SMITH: -- so it picks you up and then everyone can
25 hear you clearly. Not too close or it begins to fuzz.

1 Looks good. Thank you.

2 MS MACLEOD: I think what you say, what you tell us about

3 that time, 'Nemo', is that that's when your life changed

4 forever?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Do you remember how old you were, were you still around

7 13 or so when you went into St Mary's?

8 A. Yes, maybe 13/14.

9 Q. Okay. What you tell us is that you can only remember

10 bad things from St Mary's?

11 A. That's correct, yes.

12 Q. You say:

13 'My mind is full of darkness from there.'

14 A. Still is, yeah, correct.

15 Q. I am now going to look with you at your time in

16 St Mary's and what you tell us about that in your

17 statement.

18 First of all, can you tell me what your

19 recollections are of your first impressions, arriving

20 there and your first impressions of the place?

21 A. My first impressions when I arrived there, I knew it was

22 going -- it was house of hell, I knew it was something,

23 I knew I was in danger, I could feel the presence of

24 danger, the day I arrived.

25 Q. What gave you that feeling of danger?

1 A. Because the dialects of Edinburgh and Glasgow are two
2 different things. The day I arrived there, I received,
3 on my first day, punishment from other boys because of
4 my accent. Glasgow people say 'I know', Edinburgh say
5 'I ken'. And when they words came out of my mouth,
6 'I ken', it all circulated round, 'Oh, we've got
7 a teuchter here', you know.

8 Q. I think you tell us a bit about that, that incident, on
9 your first day, 'Nemo', in paragraph 18 of your
10 statement. You say that you were shown round, and taken
11 to the dining room?

12 A. That's correct, yes.

13 Q. Was it in the dining room that something happened to do
14 with your accent?

15 A. Yes, I sat down in the dining room, and right opposite
16 me was a guy wearing big spectacles, and he started
17 being sort of -- when we first got there, I arrived from
18 a ... I'll have to go back. I arrived with a social
19 worker from the Children's Panel. We arrived around
20 about tea time, getting our dinner. So I was shown
21 straight to the -- I was put into the dining room
22 straight away, as soon as I arrived there, before even
23 meeting the headmasters and that. And I got put on
24 a table, and there must have been 12 or something at
25 that table. Right opposite me there was another boy,

1 a big stout guy, sturdy fellow, and he had like big
2 glasses and it was like his eyes were bulged at me, and
3 I got -- right macaroni was put in front of me and I got
4 a wee scone. And he picked my scone up, and I says,
5 'What are you doing?'. He went, 'Oh, you're the new
6 boy, you'll do what you're told.'

7 I picked up a tea urn and fired it into his face. I
8 never got my macaroni, I got dragged out that day, as
9 soon as I done that, as soon as I done that I got
10 dragged out into the main entrance.

11 Q. Who dragged you out?

12 A. A guy called Bill Franks, the cook, and a couple of
13 other members of staff, MHP, and I was told
14 to stand there wait for the headmaster.

15 Q. Did the headmaster come?

16 A. Aye, eventually, yes, eventually.

17 Q. What happened when the headmaster arrived?

18 A. He says, 'So you're the wayward kid we've been hearing
19 about from Midlothian, well, we will not have any of
20 your carry on here, son, this is where the men are men,
21 and you do what you are told here.' And I knew.

22 As a kid, before I went into care, where I come
23 from, Dalkeith in Midlothian, back in the sixties, it's
24 not like it was in our day and age now. I was always
25 fighting all the time, you know, and that's because you

1 had to fight in the sixties, you know. I never stabbed
2 anybody in my life or nothing, never, I just used my
3 hands, and if I got beat in a fight and the kid went
4 home, and my father would say, 'What happened to you,
5 did you get beat? You get back out there.'

6 I don't want to swear in front of the ladies and
7 gentlemen here, you know, but he said, 'You get back out
8 there', he says, 'And if you beat him, I'll give you
9 a tanner', I used to get a tanner, a sixpence or so, so
10 I went out there, I had to give my best, and if I beat
11 the guy, I got a tanner. So that was my wayward life,
12 you know.

13 Q. Once you got your -- I think you call it a 'stern
14 warning' in your statement -- from the headmaster?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. Were you then taken up to the dormitory?

17 A. That's correct, yes.

18 Q. Were you in a dormitory with a number of other boys?

19 A. I was in a dormitory with -- the dormitory, in St Mary's
20 it had a -- you had De La Salle, St Pat's, St Columba's,
21 and they were all like just, like -- De La Salle was on
22 the left ... as you walk in, the De La Salle house was
23 on the left, St Pat's was in the middle, that's the one
24 I was in, St Pat's, St Columba's was on the right, the
25 house, St Andrew's, was at the back of ... you know. So

1 we were all put in the different sections as to what
2 house group you belonged to. I belonged to a house
3 group called St Pat's but we all slept in the same
4 dormitory, the whole house, De La Salle, St Andrew's, we
5 all slept in two dormitories. There was two
6 dormitories; De La Salle and St Pat's was on the left,
7 by the TV room, St Andrew's and St Columba's was on the
8 right, I'm led to believe, you know, because I only seen
9 one dormitory.

10 Q. Roughly speaking, how many boys do you think were there
11 overall in St Mary's?

12 A. About 150.

13 Q. What was the age range?

14 A. Er, my age to about 16, I would imagine, 16/17.

15 Q. So 13/14 all the way up to about 16?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Then focusing on your own dormitory how many, roughly,
18 boys were within your dormitory, where you slept?

19 A. 24.

20 Q. In terms of schooling and education, 'Nemo', at
21 paragraph 27 of your statement you say that you can't
22 remember there being any education at St Mary's?

23 A. No, we just got -- in the morning, when you got up, and
24 you got up from the dormitory, you'd put your clothes
25 on, whatever clothes you had to wear, and you would put

1 in to assembly, the assembly was outside, and your names
2 would be called out, and you were all in line,
3 De La Salle, St Pat's, Columba's and so forth, and they
4 would just shout your name out, make sure you were
5 there, because a lot of kids were absconding, running
6 away.

7 Q. In terms of the education side of things, were there
8 classrooms that you were to go to sometimes?

9 A. There were classrooms, they were like old billets, they
10 were like sheds, but I don't remember any schooling, you
11 know, because the classes I was in it, it was just a --
12 nobody was interested in education, you know, they were
13 just ... they were all, it was a house of hell, it was.

14 Q. I think in terms of the teachers in the classrooms, you
15 say in paragraph 27 that the teachers might just read
16 a paper or something?

17 A. That's correct, aye. Because the boys were there. All
18 the Glaswegian boys stuck together, and I only recall
19 three people from Midlothian. One was [REDACTED],
20 the other was [REDACTED] and myself. We stuck
21 together. But as far as education goes, the teachers --
22 they probably tried but people were unruly, you know.
23 A lot of the kids were drunk, you know. There was a lot
24 of drinking going on, you know.

25 Q. You say that there were a lot of young alcoholics, you

1 say?

2 A. That's correct, yes.

3 Q. And housebreakers?

4 A. That's correct, yes.

5 Q. You say:

6 'It was a school for the worst of the worst.'

7 I just wondered if you could help me with that and

8 what you mean by that?

9 A. Well, when I say a school for the worst of the worst, it

10 was nothing like St David's where they had a ... you

11 went to classes and you got educated at school. This

12 place, there was no education. I only remember three

13 good times at St Mary's. One was when they took us out,

14 out canoeing with them on the Clyde. The second time

15 I went to Irvine, ice skating rink where I cracked my

16 teeth when I fell, and that's when the abuse started,

17 after that day.

18 Q. You mentioned the headmaster. Do you remember what the

19 headmaster was called?

20 A. I'm not sure, was it Boyd?

21 Q. Were there boys at St Mary's who wet the bed in your

22 dormitory?

23 A. Every night.

24 Q. Did you sometimes wet the bed?

25 A. I did, yes. To my shame, I did, yeah.

1 Q. How was that dealt with by the staff, what was the
2 response when boys wet the bed?

3 A. They were dragged out, the lot of them. I just remember
4 what happened to me, and I remember the screams of the
5 kids as well, getting dragged out 'cause they'd wet the
6 bed. A lot of them were urinating on towels and that,
7 throwing them out the window. You know, putting
8 everything in their bed sheets out the window, because
9 the windows were just wee things, you know, with mesh
10 on, and they were throwing them out the window, but they
11 got dealt with because if your bedding wasn't there,
12 you've wet the bed and flung your, or tried to discard
13 it, so you were dealt with and they used to whip you
14 with wet towels, canes.

15 Mr LYT, I still have, I think, a lump in my head,
16 I have had it since I was 13, when he thumped me with
17 a set of keys on the head.

18 Q. Mr LYT ?

19 A. Mr LYT, he was the gardener. He was the one that used
20 to do the roll call.

21 Q. Was that something that he did to you on one occasion or
22 more than once, hit you on the head?

23 A. No, every day -- he did it to a lot of the kids, you
24 know.

25 LADY SMITH: Was that the man that some people call

1 LYT [REDACTED] ?

2 A. Aye, LYT [REDACTED], aye, the nickname, that's correct.

3 It's a long time since I heard that, I haven't heard

4 that nickname for ...

5 MS MACLEOD: Just coming back to the wetting of the bed, so

6 if we just think of what happened to you, first of all,

7 and then look at what you heard happening to other boys.

8 So on occasions that your bed was found to be wet, what

9 happened, what were the repercussions for you, what did

10 the staff do to you?

11 A. What they did to me when I had wet the bed, I was in

12 denial, I used to say that wasnae me that wet the bed,

13 that was other people, they put their bed on my bed.

14 But I got dealt with. I got dealt with. Severe

15 punishment. They used to drag me up -- when you came

16 out of St Mary's toilets at the very far end, the

17 dormitories to the left, they would drag you up there in

18 your bare feet, fling you in the shower, you know, and

19 they used to whip you with wet towels, you know, it was

20 sore.

21 Q. Who did this to you?

22 A. Er, MHP [REDACTED]. There was also a housemistress

23 there called KHD [REDACTED], I used to always call her

24 'KHD [REDACTED]', until the police corrected me and they

25 said, 'KHA [REDACTED]', it's KHD [REDACTED] her name is', I used to

1 always call her KHD , because that was her
2 nickname, 'KHD ', but her name was KHD ,
3 she was a housemistress.

4 Q. MHP who you mentioned, was he a housemaster?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did both of these people give you this treatment?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. That you were describing in the shower room, with the
9 towel?

10 A. Yes. The mistress, the governess, KHD , I don't
11 want to -- I'll just use the words, she was disgusting.

12 Q. We will come on to look at her in a few minutes, about
13 what you say about her in your statement.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. But just focusing on the treatment in response to
16 bedwetting, did you hear or see other boys being
17 punished for having wet beds?

18 A. I seen them getting dragged out, but I never actually
19 saw the punishment. I could hear the screams, I used to
20 hear them scream for their mothers and fathers. I would
21 hear them say, 'My father, when he gets a hold of you,
22 he'll kill you, the whole lot'. But I know the staff
23 there, the Glasgow boys didnae get as much, because they
24 were feared, the reprisal, what their parents would do,
25 but my parents were outwith that district, and I was the

1 vulnerable one, so I got it worst of all.

2 Q. Did you have visitors while you were at St Mary's?

3 A. Yeah, my mum used to come and visit me all the time, she

4 used to bring me clothes, every time she could get

5 a visit, she would come and see me.

6 Q. Something you say, you say that you used to always say

7 that you wanted to go home?

8 A. That's correct. I did, I always wanted to go home. But

9 she'd say, 'KHA you have to stay here a wee bit

10 longer', but I still couldn't understand why I was

11 there.

12 Q. That's what I want to ask you about, you say:

13 'I never understood why I was there. That was the

14 chestnut for me.'

15 A. That's correct, it was always the chestnut.

16 Q. So that was never explained to you?

17 A. No.

18 Q. No reason was given?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you know how long you were going to be there, did

21 anybody tell you how long you might be there for?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did any social workers or anybody like that come to

24 visit you while you were at St Mary's?

25 A. No, only one social worker took me there, and I remember

1 trying to jump out at Harthill Service Stations before
2 I arrived there.

3 Q. Out of the car?

4 A. Out the car, I tried to get out the car, but they had
5 child locks on the car. But I just remember going there
6 and seeing a big sign, Harthill Service Stations, I did
7 certainly know where I was going, but I knew I was
8 outwith Woodburn, outwith the clutches of my mum and
9 dad.

10 Q. Was there bullying at St Mary's between the boys?

11 A. Aye, yes.

12 Q. You tell us in paragraph 38 of your statement a little
13 bit about that. You say that because of what happened
14 with the urn on your first day, you say that you knew
15 you were going to get some grief?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Did you get some --

18 A. I did, yes.

19 Q. What sort of things happened to you?

20 A. I was picked on because I didn't come from Glasgow.
21 Because I came from Dalkeith, because of my accent. And
22 I used to get bullied with other kids and that there as
23 well, until I could take no more. Then I came across
24 a guy called [REDACTED], his real name is [REDACTED],
25 but I used to call him [REDACTED], and he was the top

1 dog at St Mary's, so I challenged him to a fight, and he
2 beat me, but he -- I can always remember him, he said,
3 'You know, son, for an outsider, you can fight'. And he
4 gave me respect. He sort of took me under his wing, you
5 know, 'I like that guy' you know.

6 But before that, I was fighting with all the other
7 kids, because they were attacking me and I knew I had to
8 fight back, what did I do? I'm fighting three or four
9 of these Glaswegians at a time, you know, picking on me,
10 and, you know, it was just ...

11 Q. What was that like for you as a 13 or 14-year old, being
12 in that situation, how did you feel?

13 A. How did I feel? Frightened. I could never sleep.
14 Always waiting for the next attack, who the next
15 attack's coming from, where it's coming from, what part,
16 what house ... the person was coming next to me.

17 Q. You have mentioned that some boys ran away from
18 St Mary's.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did you run away?

21 A. No, I never, I never ran away, no. I wouldn't know
22 where to run to that's -- I was in -- my father's
23 a Glaswegian, that's the first time I have ever been in
24 Glasgow, I wouldnae know where to run away to, you know?

25 Q. What you tell us at paragraph 44 is:

1 'I never ran away, but I thought about it every
2 day.'

3 A. Of course I did, yeah.

4 Q. You have mentioned a little bit earlier about the
5 incident where you were ice skating and you fell and
6 your teeth were injured?

7 A. That's correct, we went to Irvine ice skating rink, and
8 I couldn't skate, you know. Anyway, I got into the rink
9 and I collapsed, my face cracked, my teeth cracked open,
10 you know.

11 Q. Are you able to help me with roughly how long after you
12 had arrived at St Mary's that that might have happened?

13 A. The next again night it happened, because I had -- my
14 teeth were out -- I never seen a dentist, and I got made
15 fun of because two of my teeth were missing.

16 Q. You weren't given any dental treatment?

17 A. I was never given anything at all. If you cut yourself,
18 you got a plaster. I never seen any -- I never seen any
19 medical staff in St Mary's whatsoever.

20 Q. If I picked you up correctly, I think you said earlier
21 that it was after that incident that the abuse started?

22 A. That's correct, yes.

23 Q. Can you tell me what abuse started after that incident?

24 A. The first abuse started with KHD . After we
25 came back fae the ice skating rink, they call it bed

1 down, where you didn't have to go school that day, you
2 got kept in the dormitories, 'cause my mouth had just
3 swollen up, 'cause I'd bit my lip, with the fall. So
4 they called it a ... you're not going to school, you
5 were kept in the dormitory, and KHD , KHD
6 KHD . KHD , sorry, she'd come up and sit beside
7 me, and she would start flashing her breasts off and
8 lifting her skirt up, showing us her suspenders,
9 touching my private parts, you know.

10 That day she done that, that's when hell started for
11 me. When she done that, she tried to arouse me and
12 that, you know, and I backed off, I was like, 'What's
13 she doing here?', you know, 'What are you touching me
14 there for?', she, 'Calm down, KHA calm down'. She
15 started lifting her skirt up and showing her suspenders,
16 and lifting her top up, showing her breasts off and
17 trying to arouse me and that. Once she left --

18 Q. How did that incident, how did that come to an end?

19 A. Because when she left she turned around, she -- she --
20 as soon as she walked out of the dormitory, because my
21 -- where I was -- where I was situated, as you walk in
22 the dorm, like, my bed was like there, and once she left
23 my bedside, she walked out the dormitory and she said
24 words to the effect, 'There's one there for you', they
25 were her words. This man came in, a cook, Bill Franks.

1 He took me into a laundry cupboard adjacent to where the
2 dormitory was, he told me I was help -- help him with
3 the linen, sorry help him with the linen. When I bent
4 down, the light went off. He grabbed me by the head,
5 and smashed my head on the -- it's got the -- what do
6 you call these things? The railings where you put your
7 bedding on, he cracked my head there, and I went all
8 dizzy, and he picked me up, and I remember he was
9 rubbing himself on the back of me, with his beard and
10 rubbing the back of me, and he pulled my trousers down,
11 and he stuck something up my backside, it was so
12 painful, I was screaming, that he put his hand over my
13 mouth, and he penetrated me.

14 Q. Did he penetrate you with his penis?

15 A. At the time it was that sore it could only have been his
16 penis, you know, but it could have been his finger, you
17 know, but the things that are sore -- I knew it was his
18 penis, you know, that's what he did. That man raped me.
19 And when he done that, after he finished doing what he
20 was doing to me, he flung me on that floor like a wet
21 towel, crying and sobbing.

22 And then I was dragged out from there, taken up to
23 the shower room, hosed down, and whipped, 'You say
24 anything to anybody, and you will never see anybody
25 again, you will never see your parents again, you will

1 never get a visit again'.

2 And that went on four or five times with that man,
3 the same thing over and over, not in the same place,
4 sometimes in the TV room, you know, there was other boys
5 there, sexually abused other boys, I had to witness
6 this. This is a horror story. That's what he did to
7 me. They tortured me. They did so much sexual
8 depravity. [KHD] was the bait for these horrible
9 men, rapists, paedophiles to do what they wanted to do
10 with me and other boys who were screaming for help, and
11 I can only imagine what I went through, what these other
12 guys went through.

13 Q. The incident you are telling me about, 'Nemo', in the
14 linen cupboard, and you have told me about [KHD]
15 involvement in that, was she there while Bill Franks was
16 assaulting you?

17 A. No. Bill Franks had a wee pet, his name was
18 [REDACTED], and he was off his head. And he used to
19 run about the dormitories grunting and barking like
20 a dog, and then grunting like an actual ... a farmyard
21 pig, I don't want to make the noises, but you know what
22 a farmyard pig sounds like. He used to shake his body
23 and bark and grunt like a pig. That was Bill Frank's
24 little boy. That time I was in the linen cupboard, he
25 held the door shut while I was getting abused, and he

1 opened the door, and just looked at me, and laughed,
2 'cause Bill Franks, he was always in the kitchen with
3 Bill Franks all the time.

4 And that's when [REDACTED], the boy that I fought in
5 the unit, took me under his wing, and that's when we
6 took our revenge on [REDACTED].

7 Q. You have told me that as well as the time that you have
8 described in the linen cupboard, that Bill Franks
9 sexually abused you a number of other times?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did it happen again in the linen cupboard?

12 A. Twice. Twice in the linen room and once in the TV room
13 upstairs, so on the left, as you walk up the stairs on
14 the left-hand side, the TV room was there.

15 Q. On these occasions, did he penetrate your anus?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. With his penis?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. On any of these occasions, was anybody else present in
20 the room, or was it you and Bill Franks?

21 A. Me and Bill Franks.

22 Q. Going back to the first occasion in the linen cupboard
23 that you have told me about, were you injured as
24 a result?

25 A. Yes, I was injured from my back passage, and the wound

1 on the top of my head, when he banged my head on the
2 shelf where the linen goes, I had a cut across my head.
3 I never seen any medical staff, it was just a plaster,
4 and that was it, you know.
5 Q. Were you bleeding from your back passage?
6 A. I was, yes.
7 LADY SMITH: Are you okay, 'Nemo'?
8 A. Yeah, I am fine, my Lady, thank you.
9 LADY SMITH: Ms MacLeod.
10 MS MACLEOD: My Lady.
11 While you were in St Mary's, did you hear if
12 Bill Franks abused other boys?
13 A. He did, yes.
14 Q. How did you learn about that? How did you hear? Did
15 somebody tell you that? How did you know that was
16 happening?
17 A. Because if it happened to me, it happened to another
18 couple of guys. And I spoke to the guys. I don't
19 recall their names now you know, because I only -- I
20 only had a couple of friends -- excuse me -- I only had
21 a couple of friends in St Mary's.
22 Q. At the time you were in St Mary's, you knew it was
23 happening to other people?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. Did you ever see Bill Franks behave in a sexually

1 inappropriate --

2 A. Yes, yes.

3 Q. -- way with other boys?

4 A. On a few occasions, yes.

5 Q. What did you see.

6 A. In the TV room they had people -- I mean, I don't want

7 to say the word in front of a lady.

8 LADY SMITH: Don't worry about your language, I've heard it

9 all.

10 A. Are you sure?

11 LADY SMITH: Absolutely.

12 A. Right, okay, then (Inaudible). I watched Bill Franks

13 making other guys give him sexual pleasure, blow jobs.

14 LADY SMITH: Yes.

15 A. Blow jobs. Giving him blow jobs. Masturbating him.

16 And he'd be doing that to other boys as well. A lot of

17 the abuse happened in the TV room in front of the other

18 kids.

19 MS MACLEOD: Did you see Bill Franks --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- abuse children in that way --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- in the TV room?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did Bill Franks do anything to you in the TV room?

1 A. He tried to pull my trousers down, but I was surrounded
2 by other guys and I fought back. He only done it to me
3 when I was alone and there was naebody there in my
4 corner to help me or defend me.

5 Q. Going back to KHD [REDACTED], who you told me about a few
6 moments ago, you have explained what happened on the day
7 after the incident at the ice rink and how she came to
8 your dormitory. Did she behave like that towards you in
9 a sexual way on other occasions?

10 A. A few times. She done it to most of the boys. That's
11 why they called her 'KHD [REDACTED]', because she did it
12 to all the guys, set them up, she was the bait for the
13 predators to strike. She was a whore. I'm sorry.

14 LADY SMITH: No need to apologise. I promise you, 'Nemo',
15 I've heard every offensive or sexual term.

16 A. I don't know why (Inaudible). They just --

17 MS MACLEOD: Did she behave towards you in a sexualised way
18 on other occasions.

19 A. Yes, of course, yes.

20 Q. Can you tell me about those occasions, where that
21 happened and what happened?

22 A. In the TV room, in the dormitory, and on the way to the
23 -- when we were in the minibus going to the rowing, we
24 went to rowing, we went to the Clyde once, and I can
25 always remember, we were going down the driveway in this

1 minibus and there were about 12 of us going to the
2 rowing, and I had just had a visit from my mother and as
3 the bus was driving past, I could see my mother on the
4 parapet, it was a big train station, my wee mum, and
5 while we were in the minibus, that KHD would
6 lift her skirt up and show everybody her suspenders that
7 she was wearing, she would lift her top up, she would
8 pull her breasts out, you know.

9 Q. Would she do this openly on the bus?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. To all of the boys that were there?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. In the television room did she behave in a sexualised
14 way?

15 A. She did, yes.

16 Q. What did she do in the television room?

17 A. Every night, and a lot of the guys, a lot of the kids,
18 they loved her, because she was showing her tits off to
19 them, lifting her suspenders and that, they all loved
20 that, you know, and I was like, 'You sick mother F --
21 you sick people', you know. But that's, she done it for
22 all the kids, in morning she would say, 'Come on you,
23 get out of your bed', and they would all say to her,
24 'Come on KHD, lift your skirt, let's see what -- show
25 us what you are wearing today', you know, and the funny

1 thing about it, see, her suspenders, they never matched,
2 they were always a different colour, one was a different
3 colour from the other, I couldn't understand that right,
4 her lingerie was like, one stocking would be like pink
5 and the other one would be yellow, I didn't understand
6 that, maybe that's a Glaswegian thing, you know.

7 Q. What about the TV room, did she do anything else in
8 there? Did she make contact with any of the boys in
9 a sexual way?

10 A. Aye, yeah, she did, yeah, yeah, she did, she would put
11 her hands down their trousers, play with their penises,
12 and they loved it.

13 Q. Did you see that happening?

14 A. Oh, on a few occasions, yeah, every night in the TV
15 room, she was there.

16 Q. What sort of age of boys are we talking about?

17 A. 15, 16.

18 Q. How old was KHD, did you say?

19 A. Well, KHD, if she walked in here right now
20 I could tell what you she -- KHD looked
21 identical to Myra Hindley. In the sixties, she used to
22 wear her hair, she had blonde hair she used to wear in a
23 bun, in a big bun, you know. She would always wear
24 these turtleneck jumpers with her large breasts, you
25 know, pencil skirts, stockings, that's what KHD

1 was, she was the double of Myra Hindley, like that's the
2 way I looked at it, that famous picture.

3 Q. What sort of age do you think she was, even roughly?

4 A. I was just a young kid, I would say what, about 30 odd,
5 I'd say.

6 Q. Do you think other staff saw her behave in this way
7 towards the boys?

8 A. Let me tell you, every staff member's been through her.
9 If you know what I mean.

10 Q. Do I take it that from what you are saying, the staff
11 were aware of what she was doing?

12 A. Of course the staff were aware, the staff were getting
13 their pleasure out of her as well. I was at Columba's
14 House, they used to have a house in the grounds,
15 St Columba's House, and I was abused in that house as
16 well. Prior to -- I was -- I got home leave once from
17 Kenmure St Mary's, and in the grounds in my old school
18 in Dalkeith, there was me, [REDACTED],
19 [REDACTED], and two girls were with us, I stood at
20 the top of the entrance of St David's High School, where
21 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took this girl to
22 the corner of the school grounds and I could hear her
23 screaming, she was getting raped, and I ran down, and
24 I hit [REDACTED] on the head with a stick. [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

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4 [REDACTED], he was found guilty of libidinous --

5 rape and libidinous practices, [REDACTED]

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10 Q.

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13 A. Correct, yeah.

14 Q. As a result of that incident and your involvement in

15 that, were you separated for a period of time from the

16 other boys at St Mary's?

17 A. Yes, I was put in St Columba's House.

18 Q. Did something happen to you while you were there?

19 A. Yes, LYT [REDACTED], LYT [REDACTED] physically attacked me,

20 because he thought I was -- I got separated because of

21 [REDACTED], not that ... I wasn't in

22 St Mary's for [REDACTED], but they separated me 'cause

23 [REDACTED].

24 Now, if anybody had asked me in that school why

25 I was, I would have told them. But now I understand,

1 now I am older, why I was taken out, you know, because
2 they probably thought [REDACTED]
3 I was a witness to a lassie getting raped. And I'm on
4 a weekend leave, and I'm getting raped myself, so to
5 come home and witness a lassie getting raped, by people
6 that I called my friends at the time, so I hit him with
7 a stick, I done the right thing.

8 Q. When you were in St Columba's House, what did
9 LYT [REDACTED] do to you?

10 A. Battered, kicked me up and down the place, called me
11 [REDACTED], the lot.

12 Q. What did he do to you, which part of your body was he
13 targeting?

14 A. Er, my legs, he had his hands on my throat, pulling me
15 up, going, 'You, you dirty wee [REDACTED]', and he flung me
16 onto this settee that was in the house, it was in the
17 grounds, 'cause that's where he stayed, he stayed there
18 with his wife.

19 Q. Were you injured as a result of the assault?

20 A. No, I wasnae injured, I was -- not that I needed any
21 medical attention, you know. Because these people knew,
22 you were turning up with bruises and all that, it didnae
23 look right, not all the members of staff at Kenmure
24 St Mary's were like that, that I can recall, you know.
25 There were some good people in there, you know, but the

1 majority of the ones that I seen, it was a breeding
2 ground.

3 Q. Did anything else happen to you while you were in
4 St Columba's?

5 A. Er, not that I can recall of, no.

6 Q. 

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9 A. I got brought back to the normal location where I was
10 homed. But none of the boys questioned me, why I was
11 taken away, you know. So I never said a word, you know.

12 Q. Did you receive any sort of support from the school
13 about what you had been through, or anything like that?

14 A. No, nothing at all.

15 Q. You mention another person in your statement, 'Nemo'.
16 This is paragraph 47. You say:

17 'There was another big guy that looked like
18 Meat Loaf.'

19 A. That's right, aye, aye.

20 Q. Was he a member of staff?

21 A. Aye.

22 Q. What sort of treatment did you receive from him?

23 A. He used to walk with, like, a stick, a cane thing, and
24 he used to just, 'Get in line, you'. He was another
25 perpetrator. But he never sexually assaulted me, he

1 just leathered me with his cane, his stick.

2 Q. Do you remember his name?

3 A. Not off-hand, no, I don't know his name.

4 Q. Did you see him do that sort of thing to other boys?

5 A. Aye, yes. Yes.

6 Q. What was his role in the school? What was his job?

7 A. He was the De La Salle housemaster.

8 Q. You also mention in the following paragraph at 48, you

9 say that the night watchman would lock you sometimes in

10 your dormitories?

11 A. That's correct. What they used to do is the floors were

12 marble, they were all marble, and they had the dim

13 lights on, you know. Now, why the bedwetting went on is

14 because if you went to the buzzer after hearing other

15 people getting abused, people would pee in their beds.

16 What they used to do was even though you could get out,

17 you could get out the dormitory, they used to place

18 a wet towel outside the door, 'cause your clothes were

19 taken off you when you went to your bed at night and

20 they gave you these pyjamas, you had to wear these

21 pyjamas, your clothes were taken off you. People used

22 to say, 'Don't ring the buzzer, just go out, sneak out'.

23 But outside the dormitory they used to have a wet towel

24 and on your bare feet, if you went, the night watchman

25 could see your feet footprints in the dim lights, you

1 know, and come and say 'Right who has been out of your
2 bed? Who's been out of your bed? Have you been out
3 your bed?' You know. So that was the kind of regime
4 you went through.

5 Q. If the night watchman was unhappy with you either
6 buzzing the buzzer or going out of the dormitory when
7 you shouldn't have been, how were you dealt with?

8 A. Er, it was dealt with, with beatings. You were told,
9 'If you need the toilet, go to the toilet before you
10 went to your beds, stop annoying me', you know.

11 I can remember on one occasion we were coming out of
12 the TV room, the night watchman had a tobacco tin on his
13 desk. Now, this was the joke that everybody knew about,
14 which I didn't know about. The boys used to say, 'Here,
15 go and steal the night watchman's tobacco tin and we
16 will all get a roll-up for the night', you know, the
17 boys would go, 'I'll keep a shot of you', you know. But
18 what I didn't know, this tobacco tin, the man had it
19 wired up to some sort of electric -- you got a shock,
20 you know, you were wriggling about the floor and he
21 would come in and say, 'Oh, you tried to steal my
22 tobacco tin', and he would leather you.

23 Q. Did that happen to you?

24 A. That's what happened to me, yes.

25 Q. When you say he leathered you, what did that involve?

1 A. Getting hit wi' an iron -- not an iron rod, a cane. And
2 getting hit with towels, or he used to put the towels
3 round him and thump you, you know, so you were hurt but
4 he would never leave a bruise, you know.

5 Q. On the occasion when you were electrocuted, you say you
6 were wriggling about the floor and he came through?

7 A. That's correct, yes.

8 Q. Was that in the television room?

9 A. No. When you came up the stairs, the TV room was on
10 your left-hand side, as you come upstairs. The TV room
11 was on the left-hand side and the janitor's office, the
12 night watchman's office, was on the right-hand side and
13 he could look from his office right along to all the
14 dormitories to see who was coming out, who was sneaking
15 out.

16 But that time, when we were all coming up the stairs
17 to go the TV room, his tobacco tin was on the table,
18 that's when the other boys, they all knew about it, but
19 I didn't, and they says, 'Go and steal his tobacco tin
20 and we will all have a roll-up tonight', you know, and
21 they were all sort of laughing and sniggering, I
22 thought, fine, I'll steal it, you know, and as soon as
23 I put my hand on it and lifted it, you got a shock, it
24 was nae strong enough to kill you, but at that age, you
25 fell on the floor with fright, you know. And, er, I got

1 caught 'cause it used to let a wee buzzer off. And he
2 would know, 'Somebody's -- somebody's trying to steal my
3 tobacco tin'. You were caught.

4 Q. On that occasion, when you say you were beaten, where
5 did the beating take place?

6 A. In the janitor's office, in his office. Because he shut
7 the door.

8 Q. That was one of the night watchmen?

9 A. The night watchman.

10 Q. Was there more than one night watchman in the place?

11 A. Er, two, but I only knew LYT [REDACTED], you know.

12 Q. So was that LYT [REDACTED] you were talking about doing
13 that?

14 A. Aye, aye.

15 Q. That was LYT [REDACTED]?

16 A. Mm-hm.

17 Q. The night watchman you were talking about in relation to
18 boys not being allowed to come out of the dormitory,
19 again is that LYT [REDACTED]?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. The night watchman with the tobacco and the
22 electrocution, is that LYT [REDACTED]?

23 A. Aye, LYT [REDACTED], he was a gardener, you know, he was
24 the one that took you out to the gardens and all this
25 carry on, you know. But he was also the night watchman

1 as well.

2 Q. MHP [REDACTED] is another member of staff that you
3 mentioned?

4 A. That's correct, aye.

5 Q. Was he your housemaster?

6 A. He was, yes.

7 Q. How did he treat you?

8 A. With so much disrespect. He knew everything that was
9 going on. He -- he didnae sexually abuse me, he
10 physically abused me. And when I got home leave, home
11 visit with him, I'll never forget, he kept going on and
12 on and on in that car, going over and over, 'You say
13 anything to your ma and da what goes on at St Mary's and
14 you'll never see them again'. He was drumming it into
15 me and he pulled me out of the car and grabbed me and
16 says, 'Remember, if you say anything to your parents,
17 you will never see them again.'

18 I was a mummy's boy, but this time when I got out
19 the car, I ran to the house, I ran to my father, and my
20 father, 'What's going on, what you doing?', and
21 I grabbed at my dad's legs and my father, 'KHA [REDACTED] get off,
22 what you doing?'

23 But my mother, she'd been a strict Catholic all her
24 life, my mother would never believe that I got abused.
25 My mother was the type of woman that if she had seen it

1 with her own eyes, she would still disbelieve it.

2 Q. Did you ever tell your parents what was happening in
3 St Mary's?

4 A. I did, and my mother dismissed it. And then I told my
5 father once, once I got released from the Panel, my
6 father got a job as a gatekeeper in the borders for
7 Lady [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], my father got a job
8 there, so we left, after I got released from the
9 Children's Panel, we went to the borders and that's when
10 I told my father about the abuse and I always remember,
11 'cause I was up in a hide, a deer hide ... to kill the
12 foxes or shoot the deer, and I remember my dad handed me
13 a cigarette, and I took the cigarette, and he said, 'KHA
14 what went on there?' ... it broke my heart, and I could
15 see my father, and my father -- and it's the first time
16 I ever saw my father cry.

17 It was hard for him, you know, because I think he
18 realised what they'd done to his son. But I told my
19 father the whole lot, you know. I loved my father so
20 much, as I did my mother, you know. My mother just
21 passed on [REDACTED] there. Before she died they took
22 her -- we took her to get the ambulance and her vital
23 signs were fine, as we got her into the ambulance she
24 said to me, 'KHA I'm sorry', and her face distorted ...
25 she died in front of me and my sister, in our arms, now

1 I know what the mark of Cain was, mark of Cain is,
2 that's what my mother said to me, 'KHA I'm sorry what
3 happened to you'. She finally admitted that she knew
4 all along.

5 MS MACLEOD: My Lady, I think it is just after 3 o'clock,
6 I do have a little bit to go with this witness.

7 LADY SMITH: A little bit to go.

8 'Nemo', I know you are doing really well in
9 providing your evidence to us, but I normally take
10 a break at about this stage in the afternoon, just
11 five minutes on so, it gives everybody a breather,
12 including our stenographers.

13 A. Yeah, that's fine, that's fine.

14 LADY SMITH: Shall we do that now and then finish your
15 evidence afterwards?

16 A. Yes, of course.

17 LADY SMITH: Let's do that.

18 (3.06 pm)

19 (A short break)

20 (3.15 pm)

21 LADY SMITH: Welcome back, 'Nemo'. Are you okay if we carry
22 on?

23 A. Yeah, I'm fine, my Lady, thank you.

24 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

25 Ms MacLeod.

1 MS MACLEOD: My Lady.
2 Another person you mention in your statement,
3 'Nemo', is Brother KHC?
4 A. Aye.
5 Q. Who was he, what was his role at St Mary's?
6 A. Brother KHC, he was another guy, just used to give us
7 a doing, another one that used to give us a doing .
8 Q. Did he have a job in the school, where would you come
9 across him?
10 A. Brother KHC, he was -- he was a housemaster, you know,
11 as far as I'm concerned, was aware of, you know.
12 Q. When you say he would give you 'a doing', what sort of
13 thing did he do to you?
14 A. He would just give you a skelp on the head, or give you
15 a kick, you know. He would hit you with wet towels in
16 all the showers. He was another one.
17 Q. Did you see him do that to other boys as well?
18 A. Aye.
19 Q. His name, Brother KHC, was he a religious Brother or
20 a monk, or something, do you know where he got his name?
21 A. He was a Brother from the De La Salle unit. I don't
22 know his second name, so ...
23 Q. Were there any other Brothers there when you were at
24 St Mary's?
25 A. Aye, but the names, I can't recollect.

1 Q. I just want to clarify with you something that you said
2 earlier in your evidence, 'Nemo', and I am sorry to take
3 you back to this.

4 Just when you were talking about the incidents of
5 sexual abuse with Bill Franks, you told me about the
6 occasions in the linen cupboard, you mentioned the
7 television room, did you say that he sexually abused you
8 somewhere else as well?

9 A. In the dormitory.

10 Q. In the dormitory.

11 In paragraph 56 of your statement, 'Nemo', you tell
12 the Inquiry about a time when you found a boy who had
13 died?

14 A. That's correct. When, we were going to the football
15 pitches, there was a boy lying in the greenhouse. There
16 was like a glue bag stuck on his face. He looked dead
17 to me. And I pointed it out, so did a couple of other
18 boys, but we were just told to carry on.

19 Q. And --

20 A. So I don't know if that boy died, but he just looked
21 dead to me, you know, because he was lying to the ground
22 with a glue bag stuck around his face.

23 Q. And was he a boy that you recognised from St Mary's, was
24 he somebody you knew?

25 A. I didn't know him, but I knew he was from St Mary's,

1 because I've actually seen him in one of the houses, you
2 know.

3 Q. Okay. You say:

4 'I was just told to keep walking.'

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. By the staff.

7 You have told us about what Bill Franks said to you
8 about not telling anybody about the abuse.

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. You have told me also about MHP and what he
11 said --

12 A. In the car.

13 Q. -- in the car going home. I just wanted to ask you, was
14 there anybody in St Mary's that you could tell about
15 things that were happening to you? Was there any staff
16 member or anybody that you could tell these things to?

17 A. No. No.

18 Q. You left St Mary's, I think you tell us, when you were
19 15, almost 16?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. The Inquiry has recovered a record from St Mary's which
22 indicates that you left St Mary's on 1979,
23 so it would have been when you were 15 coming up 16?

24 A. That's correct, yes.

25 Q. That accords with your own memory?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You say:

3 'I was left to make my own way home, the day

4 I left.'

5 Were you given any preparation by St Mary's for

6 leaving?

7 A. No, when I say when I left, we went to a Children's

8 Panel and my father fought to get me out, and that's

9 when the decision was made to release me back to my

10 parents, and that's what I mean, I was left to make my

11 way home from the inquiry in Buccleuch Street, where it

12 was held in Dalkeith, from St Mary's to -- was it, it

13 was either Burnock or Dalkeith where the Panel was

14 sitting that day, and I was made to make my own way

15 home, after they decided to release me to my parents.

16 Q. So you went from St Mary's to the Panel and then you

17 were straight back home --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- from the Panel.

20 You provide some information about what you did

21 after that, and I think you have already touched on

22 this, that your family moved, and that you got a job,

23 I think you say as an apprentice slaughter man?

24 A. That's correct, I worked for [REDACTED] as an apprentice

25 slaughter man.

1 Q. You go on to say:
2 'My heart just wasn't settling at that time.'
3 And that you wanted to be out and about?
4 A. That's correct.
5 Q. You go on to say:
6 "The trauma from St Mary's was still with me and
7 I took another violent episode.'
8 A. That's correct, yes.
9 Q. You say that since then you have lived a solitary life
10 and that you like to be on your own?
11 A. 47 years, still to this day. I live like this. I can't
12 have men, male doctors around me, that's how bad it's
13 got with me, it has got to be a female who sees me,
14 I can't have a male coming near me, even the doctors,
15 I can't have a male near me.
16 Q. You link that back to what you experienced as in what
17 happened to you at St Mary's?
18 A. Yes. Plus, when I left St Mary's, I became friends with
19 Sir [REDACTED] and Lady [REDACTED]'s kids, as my father
20 was a gamekeeper. They were [REDACTED] of the --
21 [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED], I became their friend, especially
23 Sir [REDACTED]. Er, we were really close, me,
24 Sir [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], all the kids in [REDACTED]
25 house, I was so friendly with them. But my friend took

1 his life, and that's a haunting memory, because
2 I remember a phone call that night, Lady [REDACTED] had
3 phoned the cottage we were staying in and I could hear,
4 she went, '[REDACTED], I've heard the [REDACTED], and
5 my son [REDACTED] has locked himself in the [REDACTED],
6 I can't get any response, can you come down?'

7 So my father said, 'KHA [REDACTED] you stay where you are',
8 and my father and he left the cottage, he's had to drive
9 the way round, but I took the shortcut, and jumped over
10 the gully, and when I got to the [REDACTED], the
11 other forester was [REDACTED], he was there with two
12 sets of ladders, and my father didn't see me, and my
13 father has climbed up one ladder to look in the window
14 and I've pushed the forester -- the other ladder, where
15 the other forester was, I pushed him out the way, and
16 I looked in the window, and it was just like I'm looking
17 at you, like that man there, I was looking through the
18 window, and there was my friend, [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]. He took his life, and
20 that was in 1983. I was 19 then. Sir [REDACTED] killed
21 himself.

22 Prior to that, 1980, his father, Sir [REDACTED], he was
23 an alcoholic, he died, and me and Sir [REDACTED] found him in
24 the library, behind the door, so that was detrimental
25 then.

1 ██████████, she drowned in Africa on an expedition, she
2 drowned.

3 And ██████████, he flung hisself in front of a train, some
4 call it ██████████.

5 But for the last 35 years, I have been, because
6 Sir ██████████ and Sir ██████████ are buried in the grounds of
7 ██████████ estate, ██████████ Chapel, and for the last
8 35-odd years, every summer I go up to that grave, I go
9 to the ██████████ estate, and I put flowers on Sir ██████████
10 and Sir ██████████'s grave and I still do it to this day.
11 I go up there with my rucksack and bottle of water and
12 I clear the stones up, and I lie flowers on their
13 graves.

14 I was at a funeral a few years ago, and a woman came
15 up to me, she went, 'Are you ██████████, the
16 gamekeeper's son?' I went, 'Yes, who are you?', she
17 went -- she introduced herself to me, she was friends
18 with Lady ██████████, she went, 'I used to see you laying',
19 she goes, 'Do you still lay flowers down for Sir ██████████
20 and ██████████'s grave', and I said 'I am, yes'.
21 Lady ██████████, for all of these years, didn't know who was
22 laying flowers on her husband and son's grave, because
23 by then, after Sir ██████████ had died, the house went into
24 the ██████████ Foundation and I had been going up there
25 for 30-odd years, putting flowers on my friends' graves,

1 her husband and son's graves, so when Lady [REDACTED] found
2 out who was doing it, she phoned me a couple of years
3 ago, after the funeral of my friend at (Inaudible), and
4 she thanked me for doing it for all of these years, for
5 keeping the memory of her father and son -- sorry, her
6 husband -- alive.

7 Q. You tell us also in your statement, 'Nemo', that you
8 have two beautiful daughters, and two grandchildren?

9 A. I do, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

10 Q. Moving on to that part of your statement where you
11 describe for us the impact that you consider that your
12 time in St Mary's, in care, has had on you. You say:

13 'My abusers at St Mary's have given me a death
14 sentence.'

15 A. They have given me a death sentence. I have tried to
16 kill myself a few times. It got to the stage that
17 I couldn't take any more, I said the trauma is what's in
18 my head. I was living in [REDACTED], The
19 Calders, [REDACTED]

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22 and I survived. I should have died that day.

23 Q. You tell us that even now, 'Nemo', you say:

24 'I still feel threatened and freeze up if a guy
25 tries to cuddle me, like you would at New Year or

1 something.'

2 A. That's right, I've never celebrated New Year, I never
3 celebrate New Year. I still don't. You know, like,
4 parties, New Year, people give you cuddle, I freeze.
5 Even my friends, I freeze. So I've kept myself to
6 myself for 47 years.

7 Q. Something that you share at paragraph 77, 'Nemo', is you
8 say:

9 'The way I look at it though is that I am one of the
10 survivors. There are others that haven't made it and
11 I will fight for them who have not lived to tell their
12 story.'

13 A. That's correct, I will.

14 Q. I think --

15 A. I'm like a dog with a bone, I'll not let it go.

16 Q. I think as well as being here today to speak about your
17 own experiences, you have shared with us what you
18 witnessed happening to other boys --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- as well.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. As an adult, did you report what happened to you at
23 St Mary's to the police?

24 A. I did, yes.

25 Q. I think you tell us that the police, I think, took

1 statements from you on two occasions?

2 A. That's correct, two different statements, that's
3 correct. Yes. When I was staying at [REDACTED]
4 they took a statement from me. And then there was
5 a team of investigators based in Livingston, who are
6 doing a -- a team of dedicated officers based in
7 Livingston who are doing an inquiry, and I gave them my
8 statement as well.

9 Q. In paragraph 82, in the final part of your statement,
10 the final few paragraphs, you have set out some evidence
11 about lessons that you think could be learnt. The first
12 thing you say is that the people that are in these
13 jobs -- I think jobs in care settings -- need to be
14 properly vetted?

15 A. They do, they do. There need to be sanctions put in
16 place for people like that, you know, because now the
17 world is getting a lot worser now, you know, as we all
18 know.

19 Q. You say:

20 'Children need to be encouraged to stick in at
21 school and not skip school and be a bad boy.'

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. You say:

24 'Everyone just turned a blind eye back then. They
25 didn't put us on the right track.'

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. You say:

3 'There were failures in the whole system. They
4 failed the children of Scotland.'

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. I don't have any further things that I need to ask you
7 about today, 'Nemo', but I just want to ask you if there
8 is anything that you would like to add before we
9 complete your evidence?

10 A. Er, having seen this time and time again, you know, with
11 kids, not even Scotland, but all over, like, for
12 instance, the John Smyth case and Justin Welby, the kids
13 in England, it's not just Scotland, it's everywhere,
14 England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, it happens.
15 And that's what I say. They need to be vetted, these
16 people, you know, because they're getting in and they're
17 subjecting kids to torture, physically, sexually and
18 emotionally. And kids are no longer here to tell the
19 tale of what went on with them, because they're not
20 strong enough, you know, I've managed to survive it, but
21 I am left with the trauma.

22 Now, they've tried counselling with me, and I went
23 to a place called Mind in Edinburgh, at Shandwick Place.
24 And who did they put in front of me, was a young girl,
25 and no disrespect to the lassie, who was doing her job,

1 but I could not tell that girl, because I have got
2 daughters who are older than her. Now, that's her job,
3 and my story is so horrendous that I felt I cannae tell
4 her what went on with me, because that's her job, and
5 I didnae want her to go home and having nightmares
6 herself. I gave her the respect, it's a charity, you
7 know, you're too young to listen to this. And that was
8 it.

9 MS MACLEOD: Thank you, for that, 'Nemo'.

10 I don't have anything, any applications for
11 questions, my Lady.

12 LADY SMITH: 'Nemo', let me add my thanks. I am really
13 grateful to you for speaking out as frankly and
14 carefully as you have done this afternoon. It has added
15 enormously to what I had already learned from reading
16 your statement, not just about your experiences, but
17 about what it was like for other people, some of whom,
18 as you point out, aren't with us any more.

19 A. Correct.

20 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

21 A. Thank you.

22 LADY SMITH: I am now able to let you go and safe home.

23 A. Thank you.

24 Thanks for listening to my story, people.

25 Thank you, my Lady.

1 (The witness withdrew)

2 LADY SMITH: A few other names, some of whom you have heard

3 before, but I am going to mention them again. These are

4 people whose identities are protected by my

5 General Restriction Order: LYT [REDACTED], KHD [REDACTED], she has

6 been referred to as both KHD [REDACTED] and KHD [REDACTED],

7 MHP [REDACTED], Brother KHC [REDACTED], the witness used his own

8 first name at more than one point, actually, and he

9 referred to two boys, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who

10 as children in care also have their identities

11 protected, and his own daughters, [REDACTED] and

12 [REDACTED], and in turn they have identities that are

13 protected. So they are not to be identified,

14 as mentioned in our evidence outside of this room.

15 Mr MacAulay.

16 MR MACAULAY: My Lady, we probably have time for a read-in.

17 LADY SMITH: Yes, let's do that.

18 MR MACAULAY: If that's appropriate.

19 'Thomas' (read)

20 MR MACAULAY: This person is an applicant, he wants to

21 remain anonymous and to use the pseudonym 'Thomas' in

22 his evidence.

23 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

24 MR MACAULAY: His statement can be found at WIT-1-000001174.

25 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

1 MR MACAULAY: Can I just indicate, my Lady, that he has been
2 read in on two previous occasions.

3 First of all as part of the evidence in Chapter 1 on
4 Day 393, which was 5 December 2023, and that evidence is
5 in the transcript at TRN-12-000000025.

6 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

7 MR MACAULAY: The second occasion he was read in was in
8 connection with the De La Salle Chapter, that was on
9 Day 411, on 23 January 2024, that's TRN-12-000000043.

10 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

11 MR MACAULAY: Now, because of that, a significant amount of
12 his statement is already in evidence.

13 LADY SMITH: Yes.

14 MR MACAULAY: I will touch on parts that, my Lady, has been
15 read in just to give context to other aspects of it.

16 He begins by telling us that he was born in 1962.
17 He goes on to talk about his life before care, which has
18 been looked at, but it is important to point out that
19 his parents split up when he was a baby and he went to
20 stay with his grandmother and his auntie, who lived
21 together. He goes on at paragraph 3 to say:

22 'My granny was like my mum and I was very close to
23 her. I was an innocent wee boy and did everything she
24 told me, I listened to her. She died when I was 7 and
25 I think it was after that that I went off the rails. My

1 wee auntie brought me up after that. I was looked after
2 and fed and had a safe, secure place to stay when I was
3 with my gran and auntie.'

4 He talks about his older brothers.

5 Moving on to paragraph 9, he says:

6 'I remember going to a Children's Panel in
7 Albion Street, Glasgow, when I was about 9 or 10. There
8 will be records of that, because I wasn't going to
9 school. I was getting into trouble and hanging about
10 with older boys and selling scrap metal and things like
11 that.'

12 He goes on to say that he was not going to school.

13 Then at 10:

14 'I remember my first social worker was a guy [he
15 names him] and from what I remember he was notorious for
16 recommending kids to go to approved schools. I feel now
17 that a good kick up the arse would have sorted me.'

18 At 11, he says:

19 'Not going to school was probably the issue.'

20 At 12:

21 'I seem to remember getting given a chance the first
22 time I was in front of the Children's Panel, I'm sure
23 I got a warning and I promised to go to school. My mum
24 and the social worker ... would probably have both been
25 there. They would both have been there the second time

1 as well, or perhaps my older brother was there. That's
2 when I was told I was too unruly and I was being sent to
3 a home. I think I was told it was to try to get me back
4 on track and back to school but it was a punishment, it
5 was a sentence in an approved school.'

6 He goes on to tell us that that's when he went to
7 St Ninian's Gartmore, and he was only 10 at the time.
8 That part of his statement has been looked at, as
9 I indicated, during the De La Salle Chapter.

10 If I can perhaps go to paragraph 81, here he talks
11 about leaving St Ninian's, and he goes on to say:

12 'I think I was given a date for me leaving
13 St Ninian's, it was some time in early [REDACTED], not
14 long after my 11th birthday.'

15 That would be some time in about [REDACTED] 1973.

16 If one goes on to paragraph 85, these few paragraphs
17 have not been read in, so I will just look at these, if
18 only in summary terms:

19 'I went back to my auntie's and had another year at
20 ... school. I had a different teacher who was really
21 good, he knew my situation and I did have quite a good
22 year of going to school and quite enjoying it. I went
23 on to St Gerard's Secondary in Govan and managed the
24 first two years there. I was enjoying the football and
25 played for the school team, but eventually I started not

1 going again.'

2 At 87, he says:

3 'I did see my dad from time to time, but he had his

4 drink problems. He was a merchant seaman and then

5 a barber.'

6 At 88 this is what he says:

7 'You had a choice when you were young, you hung

8 about with the good boys or you hung about the boys that

9 were up to no good. I was in both camps as I had mates

10 I played football with and I knew all these other

11 characters that were up to no good.

12 'Unfortunately I ended up drifting towards the ones

13 that were up to no good and I started drinking wine and

14 cider and just got in with the wrong crowd in the Govan

15 area.'

16 At 90, he says:

17 'I was going about with older guys, drinking wine

18 and getting into trouble. I ended up getting into

19 bother and having altercations with the law. Eventually

20 when I was about 13 or 14 I ended up in the Juvenile

21 Court in Glasgow for car thieving and breaking into

22 places. I got two years in an approved school as it was

23 quite a serious charge. The judge was a notorious guy

24 ...'

25 We see again Sheriff Irvine Smith.

1 LADY SMITH: Referred to yesterday.

2 MR MACAULAY: '... and he was known to lock people up for
3 things like that. That could have been any approved
4 school, it just depended on vacancies so I was sent to
5 a place called Larchgrove first, which was a remand
6 home, until a vacancy came up in an approved school for
7 someone of my age.

8 'I never had any contact with any social workers or
9 anything to do with the Social Work Department between
10 leaving St Ninian's and ending up at Larchgrove.'

11 Again, Larchgrove has not been looked at, so I will
12 just look at aspects of that:

13 'Larchgrove was on Edinburgh Road, along towards
14 Easterhouse in Glasgow, and it was a really brutal
15 place. It was quite enclosed and was dead secure, with
16 bars on the windows and locked doors. It was difficult
17 to get out of.

18 'I was taken to Larchgrove in a court wagon that
19 takes people to all these different places. I went
20 straight from the Juvenile Court. I was handcuffed to
21 the guy next to me and it would probably have been the
22 police that took me. I knew I would only be there until
23 a place was found for me at an approved school.

24 'I was there for about a week or two before I ran
25 away. I was then on the run for two weeks and I was

1 back at Larchgrove after that for about four weeks
2 before a place was found for me at St Mary's.'

3 He goes on to talk about the routine at Larchgrove,
4 and then running away, at 100:

5 'I was always looking for a chance to take off, but
6 Larchgrove was a secure place. I was in a crafts class
7 once, with [a teacher] and I stole a hacksaw and hid it
8 inside a mattress. The whole place got turned upside
9 down for days but they never found the hacksaw. I got
10 up in the middle of the night for four nights in a row
11 and used it to cut into a bar in my window. I did a wee
12 bit more every night and after four nights I managed to
13 bend the bar back enough to get out. The night I got
14 out the night watchman guy heard me and came into my
15 room. He was grabbing my feet as I was trying to get
16 out of the window. I cut my finger where I'd been
17 cutting the bar during that struggle, I still have the
18 scar, but I did get out the window and fell down to the
19 ground as I was one floor up.'

20 He tells us that he managed to get away, but he was
21 returned to Larchgrove.

22 He says at 103:

23 'Larchgrove was a brutal place, the staff were
24 bullies and there were other boys in there that were
25 bullies as well. It was a difficult place to survive,

1 and that's why I ran away. I was always looking for the
2 chance to take off because of that.'

3 He talks a little bit more about Larchgrove up to
4 paragraph 107.

5 It's then that he takes us to St Mary's,
6 paragraph 108.

7 It appears that he was taken to St Mary's in about
8 1976, when he would be aged about 13 or possibly 14. He
9 says:

10 'I was taken from Larchgrove to St Mary's in a car
11 by a driver, there was no one else with me. It was
12 a big massive red sandstone building. It was probably
13 bigger than St Ninian's and was a big complex with
14 a school building, a joiner's shop and things like that.
15 At the back of it was a closed unit, which was for the
16 real criminals ...'

17 Just to explain, by this time there was also
18 a secure unit at St Mary's.

19 LADY SMITH: Yes.

20 MR MACAULAY: '... young murderers and really nasty people.'

21 LADY SMITH: There should be a comma after 'criminals'

22 I think.

23 MR MACAULAY: Yes:

24 'I was shattered that I had got myself into a mess
25 again and been sentenced to two years in St Mary's, but

1 I just had to accept it. I was glad to see the back of
2 Larchgrove and my older brother had been in St Mary's,
3 so I had heard things about the place. I had heard
4 about certain staff that were swines and some that were
5 all right. It was quite a similar place to St Ninian's
6 in many ways.

7 'SNR [REDACTED] at St Mary's was a Mr LNI [REDACTED], who was
8 a decent man. SNR [REDACTED] was KDN [REDACTED],
9 who was a real bully. I also remember LYT [REDACTED], he
10 was notorious, and --

11 LADY SMITH: That must be LYT [REDACTED].

12 MR MACAULAY: I am sorry, LYT [REDACTED], and he mention some
13 other names as well.

14 At 111:

15 'It was all boys at St Mary's, all aged between 13
16 and 17, there were four houses again, St Andrew's,
17 De La Salle, St George's and St Patrick's. Each house
18 had a housemaster, who was the top man for the house,
19 but would have been [REDACTED] KDN [REDACTED] and LNI [REDACTED] in the
20 [REDACTED]. I was in St Andrew's House at
21 St Mary's.'

22 And he realises that it was a De La Salle
23 establishment in the past.

24 At 117, when he is talking about the routine, he
25 says:

1 'We had some sort of schooling that we had to
2 attend, just normal classes, like history or English,
3 that sort of thing. We also did PE, where we played
4 things like football and hockey.'

5 He goes on to say that there were more practical
6 type of classes, like joinery.

7 Then under the heading 'Culture' at 120:

8 'I had never done any kind of solvent abuse and it
9 was at St Mary's that I was first handed a crisp packet
10 with glue in it. I tried it and the next thing I was
11 addicted to it. That lasted about 18 months to
12 two years, all the time I was in there.

13 'There was a gang culture in St Mary's, it was no
14 different from other places. There were notorious
15 characters from all different places and there was
16 bullying and all that kind of stuff. I was better at
17 standing up for myself by then though and we had a good
18 wee group of guys from Govan, so that was good. It was
19 all the same faces, it's always the same faces at these
20 places, so you get to know all the different people and
21 that kind of protects you a bit.'

22 He goes on to talk about family contact and in
23 particular at 123:

24 'Maybe after a year ... I got a visit from my dad,
25 completely out of the blue. That was my first visit

1 from him and he had sorted himself out. He was off the
2 drink and was barbering ...'

3 He tells us that he had a shop in [REDACTED]:

4 'My dad and my brothers told me to stop running away
5 or I would never get out of the place.

6 'I did then get my nut down and I eventually started
7 to get weekend leave. That would have taken months, so
8 it would have been well into my second year at St Mary's
9 before I got weekend leave.'

10 Under the heading 'Welfare':

11 'I don't remember having a social worker or getting
12 visits from a social worker, but I did have a welfare
13 person at St Mary's. Their job was just admin stuff,
14 there was nothing like key workers or anything like
15 that.

16 'The only person that did anything that was
17 encouraging was HHG, my housemaster. He would always
18 try to get me to screw the nut and would tell me to
19 stick in at the football. He would go mad at me when
20 I'd been out on the run and he'd tell me I was going to
21 end up in borstal. He had a booming voice and he would
22 shout at me to try to get me on the straight and narrow.
23 He was a genuinely good guy. There were some staff like
24 that, they weren't all crackpots.

25 'I feel that by the time I was in St Mary's, I was

1 immunised from being away from home and being in the
2 company of nutters and everything I was going through.
3 You learn to live with it, you become institutionalised,
4 that kind of thing.

5 'I was probably treated a bit more like an adult,
6 there were some decent people but by the time I was at
7 St Mary's I was gone and the real madness was about to
8 start in my life.'

9 He goes on in the following paragraphs talking about
10 running away, and in particular at 133:

11 'When I ran away, I would be down at the River Clyde
12 and would get mad on the glue, which I got addicted to
13 in St Mary's. Then I'd get caught and be taken back.
14 That went on and on and there were some characters in
15 St Mary's that didn't like that kind of behaviour, so
16 I'd end up getting beatings.

17 'Up until I was in St Mary's I was running away
18 through fear, but by the time I got there it was more
19 about wanting to be back with the guys I ran about ...'

20 At 136:

21 'It was a crazy mental thing but eventually the
22 running away did come to an end, after I got that visit
23 from my dad.'

24 At 137:

25 'We were belted at St Mary's. KDN

1 would belt the boys just like you would get at school.
2 If you were messing about at night or in a class, any
3 type of misbehaviour then the staff would send you to
4 him and he would belt you. At St Mary's any problems
5 like that were dealt with by KDN .

6 'I got that quite often, but with me he was usually
7 weighing into me. You could get the belt or get weighed
8 into, which is what he usually did to me.'

9 We will come back to that in paragraph 140, but
10 perhaps just to understand what he means by 'weighing
11 into'.

12 LADY SMITH: Yes.

13 MR MACAULAY: If one goes back to paragraph 67 on page 13,
14 this is when he is talking about his time at
15 St Ninian's, and when he says:

16 'When I say "weigh in", I mean a proper beating,
17 setting about you with punches and kicks all over the
18 body. It's just the expression I know.'

19 LADY SMITH: Okay.

20 MR MACAULAY: Going back to paragraph 140 at page 26:

21 'KDN was a character that didn't like
22 boys running away. He was SNR and was
23 a big red-haired cockeyed fella, who wore these thick
24 glasses. He was a real bully and when I had been out on
25 the run he would take me into his office and give me

1 a good hiding. [This reflects how he has defined
2 "weighing in"] That would be punching, kicking, proper
3 setting into me, a big strong man setting about a young
4 boy. He also used to put me in oversized clothes and
5 big boots, nothing fitted me. He had me standing alone
6 outside in those ill-fitting clothes when everyone was
7 outside playing. He did that to try and stop me running
8 away, but I always found a way.

9 'A character that sticks in my head is LYT .
10 He was the farm man, or maintenance man. He grew
11 vegetables and tatties and all that kind of stuff. He
12 had this big massive key that he carried about with him
13 and he used it to smash off the top of boys' heads. He
14 did that to me and a lot of other boys. I saw him do it
15 a lot and he must have hit me with it at least a dozen
16 times. Boys might have been misbehaving or been up to
17 something, being cheeky or whatever, but it could be for
18 no reason as well.

19 'LYT was a notorious character and I am sure
20 people will have told you about him. He would bash boys
21 with that key all the time. My brother told me about
22 him before I even went to St Mary's. Anybody who was in
23 St Mary's would have something to say about LYT .

24 'KDN and LYT were the worst,
25 but there were a few others, who I just can't remember,

1 that were handy with their hands and would stick one on
2 your chin at the drop of a hat.

3 'I talked about St Mary's with my brother, but he
4 knew all about it, he'd had the same treatment.
5 I didn't tell anyone else ... in authority. I don't
6 know why, I maybe saw it as grassing, which I know is
7 stupid, but that would have been the way I was thinking
8 back then.'

9 Then he goes on to talk about leaving St Mary's:

10 'I seem to remember the day coming when I was just
11 told I was done and I was leaving St Mary's. I think it
12 was around the same time I would have been leaving
13 school, so I think I was 16 as I was there a good
14 two years.'

15 That would probably take you to late 1978 or --

16 LADY SMITH: 1978, yes.

17 MR MACAULAY: Or 1979.

18 LADY SMITH: 1978/1979.

19 MR MACAULAY: 'I don't have any real memory of leaving,
20 I think I just went down to the bus stop and that was
21 it. Some of the staff would have been glad to see the
22 back of me, as I was [glad] to see the back of them.
23 There were certain individuals that shouldn't have been
24 in that game, but you can't tar them all with the same
25 brush as there were some decent people in St Mary's.'

1 A good part of the following paragraphs, up to
2 paragraph 154, has already been read in.

3 154 is at a point in time when he was in Perth
4 Prison, and being in the same room at Robert Mone, who
5 was a well-known murderer.

6 He then talks about his time in Polmont and that's
7 really been read in verbatim up to paragraph 186 on
8 page 34.

9 At paragraph 188, he talks about leaving Polmont
10 towards the end of September 1981. Again, much of what
11 follows has been read in, so, for example, if we go to
12 paragraph 189 to 200, and moving on from there in
13 connection with impact, that has been read in, from 2001
14 to 215. I will just pick up one point at 206 --

15 LADY SMITH: I think you mean '201' not '2001'.

16 MR MACAULAY: 201.

17 LADY SMITH: Yes.

18 MR MACAULAY: I want to pick up at paragraph 206, where he
19 says:

20 'My experiences have helped my son because there's
21 no way I would ever allow what happened to me to happen
22 to him or any of my children. The parenting has changed
23 since ... then, to allow your kid to be in places like
24 I was back then, I just know I would never allow that.
25 There's no way my son or daughter would be in any places

1 like that.'

2 At 210 he says:

3 'I don't think I would have been on the drugs had
4 I not been in care, because I think I would have
5 seriously stuck to the football road and tried to make
6 it as a footballer. A couple of the wee guys that were
7 in my group of good boys went on to make it ... I was
8 just attracted to the money I could make from the scrap
9 metal when I was in school.'

10 At 216:

11 'Likewise with crime, I wouldn't have had a record
12 or got into the bother I did had I not been in those
13 places. It all started in there, the influences all
14 came from inside those places. I was just a daft wee
15 boy when I first went into St Ninian's, I hadn't done
16 anything at all. I dodged school and stripped a bit of
17 lead. Loads of guys done that and went on to different
18 things.

19 'Nearly everyone that was in those places with me
20 has ended up dead.'

21 He talks about visiting his brother's grave.

22 At 218:

23 'I don't think my life would have taken the road it
24 took had I not gone into the approved schools at the age
25 I did. Having a criminal record didn't help me at all.'

1 Going on to paragraph 221, repeating what he said
2 earlier:

3 'I feel all I needed was a good boot up the arse,
4 but I never had a dad there to give me that. I was just
5 sent into a madhouse and I came out just as bad as the
6 worst person in it.'

7 Moving on to paragraph 232, where he talks about
8 lessons to be learned. From there to paragraph 236,
9 those paragraphs have been read in verbatim, really,
10 into the transcript.

11 At 237, most of this has been read in, I will just
12 pick up a couple of points from paragraphs 238 and 239.

13 238:

14 'Having someone you can trust and talk to would have
15 been something. I think I would probably have spoken to
16 someone like that.

17 'I felt so bad about a lot of the stuff that went on
18 when I was a wee boy. It's strange, because part of me
19 felt like it was me who caused it. I don't know if that
20 makes sense, it's quite difficult to explain.'

21 At paragraph 242 he says:

22 'My story isn't unique, I know loads of boys that
23 have the exact same story from all the same places I was
24 in. The way we were all treated was standard and that
25 was the same for the generations before me as well, my

1 older brother went through the exact same.'

2 'Thomas' has signed the statement on

3 15 September 2022.

4 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

5 That's perfect timing, Mr MacAulay.

6 MR MACAULAY: Yes.

7 LADY SMITH: I think we finish there for today. Three other

8 names; well, again, LYT [REDACTED] and KDN [REDACTED],

9 and Mr LNI [REDACTED], to add to the names I have mentioned

10 already who are protected by my GRO.

11 Now, the plan for next week, can you help us with

12 that?

13 MR MACAULAY: Yes, my Lady, we have three oral witnesses on

14 Tuesday, and we will see how it goes with the read-ins.

15 LADY SMITH: Starting at 10 o'clock as usual on Tuesday?

16 MR MACAULAY: Starting at 10 o'clock.

17 LADY SMITH: Very well, I will rise now for the weekend and

18 I hope that everybody has a good break and we will start

19 again on Tuesday.

20 (4.00 pm)

21 (The Inquiry adjourned until 10.00 am on

22 Tuesday, 3 December 2024)

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