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2 (10.00 am)

3 LADY SMITH: Good morning. Now we return to oral evidence,  
4 is that right, Mr MacAulay?

5 MR MacAULAY: Yes. Good morning, my Lady, we do, and the  
6 first witness this morning wants to remain anonymous and  
7 he wants to use the name "Patrick" in giving his  
8 evidence.

9 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

10 "PATRICK" (sworn)

11 Questions from Mr MacAULAY

12 MR MacAULAY: Good morning, Patrick.

13 A. Good morning.

14 Q. I will be asking you questions, essentially based on the  
15 statement that you have provided to the inquiry. And as  
16 I have said to a number of witnesses that if I ask you  
17 something and you don't remember, just say that.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And likewise, if something comes to mind in the course  
20 of my questioning that you want to raise then feel free  
21 to do so.

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Can I then turn first to your statement. I'm going to  
24 give the reference for the transcript and that's  
25 WIT.001.001.3185. If I can begin by taking you to the

1 very last page of the statement at page 3197, you'll see  
2 that towards the very top right.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. The very last page. Can you confirm you have signed the  
5 statement?

6 A. I confirm I signed that, yes.

7 Q. Do you tell us in the final paragraph:

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

10 Do you see that?

11 A. I see that, yes.

12 Q. That's your position?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you go on to say:

15 "I believe the facts stated in this witness  
16 statement are true."

17 A. Yes, they are true.

18 Q. I don't require your date of birth, but to get a time  
19 frame I need to ask about the year of your birth.

20 Am I right in saying you were born in 1949?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. In your statement you provide us with some information  
23 about both your personal background and your employment  
24 background.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Putting that shortly, you're now retired but you've had  
2 a career that involved being, first of all, a butcher,  
3 a qualified butcher?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Being a manager at a store?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And also a financial adviser?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You also provide us with some information about your  
10 family background.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And, in particular, that you were one of seven children?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. And that at a point in time you were required to go into  
15 care?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was that because, without looking at the detail, there  
18 was a degree of unhappiness in your family life?

19 A. Well, something happened in my family life. I didn't  
20 really know at the time what was happening but --

21 Q. But you have found out since?

22 A. I did, yes.

23 Q. In any event, without looking at the detail of that, you  
24 and, I think, other members of your family were admitted  
25 to care?

- 1 A. That's right.
- 2 Q. How many of you were admitted?
- 3 A. Five.
- 4 Q. In particular, were you admitted to Smyllum?
- 5 A. That's true, yes.
- 6 Q. And was that in 1957?
- 7 A. [REDACTED] 1957.
- 8 Q. Having regard to what you've told us about your date of  
9 birth, you'd be around 7 or 8 at that time.
- 10 A. I was 7 going on 8.
- 11 Q. Am I right in thinking that you left Smyllum  
12 in [REDACTED] 1964?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So you were there for about seven years or so?
- 15 A. I was there for seven years, yes.
- 16 Q. You actually provide us with some information as to the  
17 names of the nuns that you recall having dealings with  
18 over that period.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. If we turn to paragraph 10 of your statement, without  
21 going through the whole list, do you set out a number of  
22 names there of nuns whose names you could recollect?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. In particular, you mention Sister [REDACTED] EAD .
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. There's a Sister [REDACTED] AGI [REDACTED] and also a Sister [REDACTED] EAC [REDACTED]  
2 mentioned in the list; is that correct?
- 3 A. That's right.
- 4 Q. You also mention an individual, a man, we've heard about  
5 in the course of the evidence, [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED]
- 6 A. [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED], yes.
- 7 Q. And you had some dealings with [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED] ?
- 8 A. I had a lot of dealings with [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED], yes.
- 9 Q. Broadly, as you tell us there, your position is that you  
10 were well-treated --
- 11 A. Very well.
- 12 Q. -- in your time at Smyllum?
- 13 A. Very well treated. Extremely well-treated.
- 14 Q. You tell us about your first night in Smyllum; what was  
15 that like?
- 16 A. Well, it was traumatic, I didn't know where we were. It  
17 was just unusual. We didn't know why we were there to  
18 begin with. We were in a dormitory. It was traumatic.
- 19 Q. But whether on the first night or very soon after that,  
20 were you split up from your siblings?
- 21 A. Yes, due to ages, yes. The home had a system based on  
22 ages and, yes, we were split up and put into different  
23 dormitories. My sister was put into the girls' section  
24 of the home, yes.
- 25 Q. I think you were the eldest --

1 A. I was the eldest.

2 Q. -- of that group?

3 A. I was, yes.

4 Q. And your sister, who was a younger sister, went to what

5 I think we've been told is the girls' section.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And your younger brothers went to areas appropriate for

8 their different ages?

9 A. My younger sister and my youngest brother went to the

10 nursery and the three of us went to the Wee Boys, as it

11 was called, Sister Gerard's dormitory. That was in

12 1957. Come 1958, I was moved to Sacred Heart.

13 Q. Who was in charge of Sacred Heart?

14 A. Sister Mary to begin with and then Sister **EAC**.

15 Q. At that time when you were moved, did your brothers

16 remain where they were?

17 A. They did, yes, until they came to certain ages when they

18 were moved to different dormitories.

19 Q. So were there times then when you and your brothers were

20 in the same dormitories throughout your period at

21 Smyllum?

22 A. Very rarely. Very rarely.

23 Q. What contact did you have with your sister?

24 A. Not a lot. Only when we went to church, Mass, and what

25 have you. The girls were in one section of the church

1 and the boys were in the other section. We normally  
2 moved in on single file and you looked out for each  
3 other and you saw them then and you more or less said  
4 hello and then -- perhaps if we had a visit we saw them  
5 then.

6 Q. Okay. As far as your younger brothers were concerned in  
7 relation to them, what sort of contact did you have with  
8 them?

9 A. I did have more contact with them because they were  
10 in the boys' section eventually.

11 Q. You've told us you started off in the Wee Boys --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- dorm. Did that have another name apart from the Wee  
14 Boys?

15 A. I only know it as the Wee Boys.

16 Q. And just to be clear, what ages are we talking about?

17 A. I think we're talking about -- well, I was 7. From 5 to  
18 about 7 or 8.

19 Q. And then you moved to Sacred Heart?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And just looking at the age arrangements in  
22 Sacred Heart, what ages was that?

23 A. I think that was -- I'd have been 8, to, say, about --  
24 I think probably 10.

25 Q. And then you moved to another dorm?

- 1 A. Went to St Anthony's, that would be 10 to maybe 12.
- 2 Q. And 12 onwards?
- 3 A. On to St Vincent's from 12 onwards.
- 4 Q. Did you, as it were, experience time in each of these
- 5 dormitories during your seven years at Smyllum?
- 6 A. I experienced?
- 7 Q. A period of time in each of these dormitories?
- 8 A. Yes, I did, yes.
- 9 Q. As far as the Wee Boys dorm was concerned, can you give
- 10 me an understanding as to what that was like? How many
- 11 boys were there?
- 12 A. I would think about 20 to 30.
- 13 Q. Were you all in the same dormitory?
- 14 A. We were all in the same dormitory. I think it was
- 15 an L-shaped dormitory, yes.
- 16 Q. When you came to move to Sacred Heart after about a year
- 17 or so, can you give us some understanding as to the
- 18 numbers?
- 19 A. About the same really.
- 20 Q. And again was it one large dormitory?
- 21 A. It was two sides: the beds were down two sides along one
- 22 dormitory.
- 23 Q. As we move on through the --
- 24 A. Lockers and --
- 25 Q. -- dormitories, was that the picture then when you moved

- 1 to St Anthony's?
- 2 A. Exactly the same, yes.
- 3 Q. And St Vincent's as well?
- 4 A. Yes. There was a little partition in St Vincent's
- 5 halfway down, I think it was.
- 6 Q. Would you be able to identify those locations if I was
- 7 to show you --
- 8 A. I would, yes, definitely.
- 9 Q. I'll put this on the screen. It'll come on the screen
- 10 in front of you and it will be on the screen behind you
- 11 should we need to get you to point something out. This
- 12 is at DSV.001.001.4661.
- 13 There has been an effort to try and identify, as
- 14 we've been listening to the evidence, where different
- 15 places are. For example, you'll see that there's
- 16 a suggestion as to where St Anthony's was, for example.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is that correct?
- 19 A. That's correct, yes.
- 20 Q. Similarly, a suggestion is made where St Vincent's was.
- 21 A. That is correct: St Anthony's was above the primary
- 22 school.
- 23 Q. As we see there. What about the Wee Boys? I think
- 24 that's --
- 25 A. The Wee Boys was ... It looks like it's stating

1 "Roncalli House", but on the quadrangle --

2 Q. Could you turn round then, Patrick, and just stand up,

3 possibly, and just point out where you are telling us --

4 A. Let me get my bearings.

5 Q. So we've looked at --

6 A. I would say the Wee Boys was somewhere round here

7 (indicates).

8 Q. You're pointing really to the left of the main building?

9 A. Yes, it was about here (indicates).

10 Q. We see there's a pointer going to Roncalli House. Are

11 you pointing generally in that direction?

12 A. Yes, generally there. Roncalli House seems to me a bit

13 away from ... It was on the quadrangle.

14 Q. You're pointing really to a point to the left of

15 Roncalli House?

16 A. Yes, as I remember it.

17 Q. Thank you. You provide us with some information in your

18 statement about the routine at Smyllum. Did the routine

19 change very much over your period?

20 A. No, it was much the same.

21 Q. We understand that there was a primary school in-house,

22 so to speak.

23 A. That's right, there was.

24 Q. At a point in time, that is the school you would be

25 going to?

- 1 A. I went there first of all, yes.
- 2 Q. And thereafter where did you go?
- 3 A. I went to St Mary's in Lanark.
- 4 Q. Which was not that so away?
- 5 A. It was during the secondary, yes.
- 6 Q. You provide us with information about when you'd get up  
7 and mealtimes and so forth.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Insofar as the food was concerned, what is your  
10 recollection of the food?
- 11 A. Generally, it was good. It was a lot better than what  
12 I was used to before I went there, but I have seen a lot  
13 of statements saying that the porridge -- poor  
14 Sister Josephine -- the porridge was a little bit lumpy,  
15 and that was about the only thing that I didn't like.
- 16 Q. Okay. But in relation to that --
- 17 A. The food was great.
- 18 Q. So far as the porridge was concerned, did you eat it?
- 19 A. Yes, I did, but it left me with an eternal -- when I ate  
20 anything that had lumps in it -- this is when I left,  
21 this is in my adult life -- I had to chew them to small  
22 portions before I could swallow them.
- 23 Q. Can I ask you this, Patrick: did you consider if there  
24 was any pressure on you to eat your food?
- 25 A. No pressure whatsoever, none whatsoever.

1 Q. One thing you do say in your statement is that -- this  
2 is at paragraph 22, it's on the screen -- if you were  
3 given food that you didn't like, you would always find  
4 somebody else who would eat it for you.

5 A. Yes. There was always boys who were bigger than me,  
6 probably exercised a lot more than me, and were more  
7 hungry than I was, and they would eat it.

8 Q. But do I take it from what you said you didn't feel  
9 under any pressure then to find somebody to pass the  
10 food on to?

11 A. None whatsoever.

12 Q. The next section in your statement -- and I'll perhaps  
13 look at this with you now -- is dealing with  
14 bed-wetting.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You tell us, first of all, you yourself never had any  
17 problem with bed-wetting.

18 A. No, I didn't.

19 Q. But did you see that others did?

20 A. Yes. Unfortunately, yes, I did.

21 Q. And what happened in your --

22 A. It wasn't every instance, but from time to time the boys  
23 who bed-wet, they had to put their sheet over their head  
24 and stand for a little bit.

25 Q. Was that in your presence, that happened?

1 A. Yes, it was. Yes, it was to shame them, I think, into,  
2 you know, stopping it. In those days, I mean -- I don't  
3 know, maybe they had the answer for things like that,  
4 I don't know.

5 Q. But was this a regular occurrence?

6 A. It happened, yes, quite often. I wouldn't say all the  
7 time. My memory -- we're going back a lot of years now.

8 Q. Of course.

9 A. I just remember it happening.

10 Q. Can you tell me who did this?

11 A. Well, I seem to remember when we got up in the  
12 morning -- it was in Sacred Heart that I remember it and  
13 when we got up in the morning, I think the sister  
14 would -- I think the sisters went to Mass every morning  
15 and they had the lay helpers and I think it was the lay  
16 helper in Sacred Heart who probably did it. That's my  
17 vague recollection of it.

18 Q. Do you have any recollection of a sister being involved  
19 in this process?

20 A. No, not at all. I don't remember a sister being  
21 involved whatsoever.

22 Q. Okay. Am I to understand that although that  
23 recollection is not that you saw a sister being  
24 involved, it's a practice that would be known to the  
25 sisters?

1 A. Well, I don't know that.

2 Q. You don't know. Do you think the lay helpers, looking  
3 back to your knowledge of the interaction that there  
4 might have been between lay helpers and the nuns, do you  
5 think lay helpers would take it upon themselves to do  
6 this without having the approval of the sisters?

7 A. I think it's possible.

8 Q. You think that's possible?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. I want to put a piece of evidence that the inquiry has  
11 heard to you, Patrick, just for your comments on this  
12 particular topic. Hopefully, if the technology can work  
13 on this, it's at Day 26 of the evidence, and the page of  
14 the transcript is at 1811.

15 I think this probably is in relation -- I have tried  
16 to pick bits that relate to the time that hopefully  
17 would cross over the period you were at Smyllum  
18 yourself.

19 We are looking, I hope, at page 1811 of the  
20 transcript. We don't actually have the Delium number,  
21 so it's page 72 on what's on the screen. It's on the  
22 screen in front of you. Can you see? If we look  
23 towards the bottom of that page, a question is asked of  
24 this particular witness:

25 "Question: You also talk about bed-wetting in your

1 statement -- that's at page 10 -- and you do tell us  
2 that you had a problem with bed-wetting for a bit."

3 A. Excuse me, you're in the wrong place, you're not  
4 referring to me; this is somebody else.

5 LADY SMITH: Exactly. It's not you. Day 26 was a little  
6 while ago.

7 MR MacAULAY: No, it's not you --

8 LADY SMITH: It's a previous witness.

9 A. Oh, I see, sorry. I wasn't aware of that --

10 MR MacAULAY: That's my fault because; I hadn't made it  
11 clear. I'm trying to ask you -- I'm asking you to  
12 comment on a piece of evidence to see to what extent  
13 this in any way accords with your recollection.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. This person has said that he had a problem with  
16 bed-wetting and, if we move on to the next page, without  
17 reading it all, the suggestion there at line numbers 6  
18 to 7 is that you weren't allowed to go to the toilet.

19 A. That was wrong. That's not right.

20 Q. You don't agree with that?

21 A. I don't agree with that at all, no.

22 Q. Then there's a question at number 13:

23 "Question: So you could sneak to the toilet?"

24 A. No, you didn't have to sneak to the toilet. I mean,  
25 there was nobody -- if you felt like you had to go to

1 the toilet, you could just get up and go to the toilet.  
2 The nuns didn't want you to wet the bed anyway. That's  
3 farcical.

4 Q. I understand your position. But then he says:

5 "Answer: But when I wet the bed, oh boy, that was  
6 in front of everybody, look. Get everybody laughing at  
7 me and make me feel ashamed."

8 Did people laugh at children who wet the bed?

9 A. I don't think they did. I mean ... I don't remember  
10 that.

11 Q. What about the next comment this witness makes that  
12 you'd be stripped naked and then battered and --

13 A. That is absolute rubbish. I am sorry, it is, it's  
14 absolute rubbish. Never seen it at all in my window of  
15 seven years I was in. Never seen anything like it.

16 Q. Without taking you to other bits of evidence, we have  
17 had evidence on this to various degrees telling us about  
18 people being humiliated and hit as well, not just by lay  
19 staff but also by nuns. But that's not your  
20 recollection?

21 A. That never happened. In my time there it never  
22 happened, once ever. We had a corporal punishment,  
23 which was a skelp on the lug, if you are serious -- we  
24 had boys who came from Glasgow who were a bit older and  
25 some of them were a bit bully-ish, and they misbehaved,

1 and you had to ... They used corporal punishment to try  
2 and make them behave.

3 Q. When you say "they", are you talking about -- who are  
4 you talking about?

5 A. Well, in really bad cases it would be -- Sister **EAD**  
6 was in charge of the boys' section, she was the head nun  
7 there. If it came to -- if somebody really  
8 misbehaved -- and I mean really misbehaved -- by  
9 language or by fighting, then she might have had to deal  
10 out one or two of the strap.

11 Q. I think you tell us about that in your statement and  
12 I'll come to look at that. Perhaps I can backtrack  
13 a little bit and just understand the hierarchy amongst  
14 the sisters themselves. You say Sister **EAD** was in  
15 charge of the boys?

16 A. To my mind, I think she was, yes.

17 Q. And that's all the boys, although you were divided into  
18 units?

19 A. Ultimately I think she, because she had the elder  
20 dormitory, the lads who were older, she also seemed to  
21 have that position.

22 Q. Okay. The Sacred Heart dormitory you were mentioning  
23 a moment ago when we were talking about bed-wetting, who  
24 was in charge of that at that time?

25 A. Sister **EAC**.

- 1 Q. And when you moved to St Anthony's, who was in charge?
- 2 A. Sister [REDACTED] AGI .
- 3 Q. Okay. Let's leave bed-wetting aside and we'll come back  
4 to corporal punishment in a little moment. But so far  
5 as washing, can I just understand your recollection of  
6 the process involved when you had to wash? Can you help  
7 me with that, Patrick?
- 8 A. What times are we talking about? Morning?
- 9 Q. Let's take --
- 10 A. In the morning you'd wash and brush your teeth.
- 11 Q. What about having showers?
- 12 A. We'd have showers nearly every evening. We went into  
13 the shower room -- there was cubicles, we disrobed and  
14 put our pants on and a couple of us would go into the  
15 cubicles. There was a sluice that went through it,  
16 there were showers that came down, and you washed  
17 yourself with the soap provided.
- 18 Q. And the water, was it --
- 19 A. It was hot. I mean, since I have read transcripts,  
20 I just wish that I'd read them a lot before I made my  
21 statement because I'd have a hell of a lot more to say  
22 about it.
- 23 Q. Now is your opportunity because we have heard  
24 evidence --
- 25 A. Yes, but I'm not very good at public speaking. There's

1 a lot of things that are said about washing that are  
2 completely untrue to my mind.

3 Q. For example, there's been a suggestion in evidence --  
4 and you have probably read this in the transcripts --  
5 that if a boy wet the bed then he would have a cold  
6 bath.

7 A. I don't know that. I have never seen that happen.  
8 I don't think it did happen in my recollection.

9 Q. But when you say you don't know, is it because you  
10 weren't a bed-wetter so you didn't have that experience?

11 A. We knew the boys, we were with them every day, we  
12 talked, we knew what was going. Whatever happened, we  
13 talked. We were like a family.

14 Q. What about your birthday? Can you tell me about that  
15 over the period that you were there?

16 A. Sometimes perhaps my mum might have come to see me. We  
17 did have -- we were given lovely ladies, in my  
18 particular instance, from London, Auntie Doris, as she  
19 came to be known, who used to send us presents and write  
20 to me. That's more or less what happened.

21 Q. What about --

22 A. The boys might have given you bumps and things like  
23 that, if I remember, if you told them it was your  
24 birthday.

25 Q. What about the sisters? Was there any sort of

- 1 celebration?
- 2 A. I can't really remember that.
- 3 Q. What about Christmas?
- 4 A. We did have things happening at Christmas. I think we  
5 used to put plays on and we did decorations where we  
6 used to -- the coloured paper stickers, we made chains  
7 and hung them up in various places, so we did celebrate  
8 Christmas in a way. As far as presents are concerned,  
9 I don't remember.
- 10 Q. But you do tell us that you had available to you toys  
11 and --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. -- a radio and a record player in a room that you called  
14 the library.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Is that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. That was leisure facilities you had available?
- 19 A. In Sacred Heart. It was on an L-shape to  
20 Sacred Heart -- on your way downstairs to the dining  
21 room, there was a room there that we played in and we  
22 read comics and did various activities, yes.
- 23 Q. You have already touched upon visits. You have told us  
24 that your mother came to see you.
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. In the statement you say that was two or three sometimes  
2 a year.

3 A. She did, yes.

4 Q. Would you be told in advance that that was happening?

5 A. No, you wouldn't be told in advance. I don't think  
6 she -- I don't know what the situation was, whether she  
7 had to notify the home that she was coming to see us.  
8 All my recollections are that somebody came over from  
9 the girls' section and called for the [REDACTED] family,  
10 they had a visit, and we would go and see my mother.

11 Q. Okay. And your father too -- I think you tell us that  
12 he visited on a couple of occasions.

13 A. He did so, yes.

14 Q. What about a welfare officer or social worker?

15 A. I only remember the lady, the social worker who came  
16 when Smyllum was downsizing, I think, and they were  
17 looking to send us to different places. I remember one  
18 coming then.

19 Q. You tell us in your statement you thought that was  
20 possibly in 1964?

21 A. Yes, it was in the last year, yes.

22 Q. That was your last year there?

23 A. It was, yes.

24 Q. You also tell us about trips in your statement.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And in particular, you went to summer camp?

2 A. Yes. Lovely, yes.

3 Q. And you enjoyed that?

4 A. Fantastic, yes.

5 Q. You also went to other families within the area.

6 A. We did, yes. There was Catholic communities in Cleland  
7 and Wishaw and places like that who used to take us out  
8 on day trips. Yes, I remember that.

9 Q. You have already touched upon schooling. We know about  
10 the in-house primary school and then you went to  
11 St Mary's for secondary school. How did you find the  
12 schooling?

13 A. I loved schooling. I really enjoyed schooling, yes.

14 Q. So far as homework was concerned, I think what you say  
15 is you didn't get homework at the primary school.

16 A. We did at St Mary's, yes.

17 Q. Were you encouraged to do your homework?

18 A. We were, yes.

19 Q. Of course, Smyllum was a Catholic-run institution.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. So what was the approach to religion?

22 A. Well, religion, obviously, was very important, as  
23 we were Catholics and as we were brought up by nuns, and  
24 priests were involved as well, it was a big part of our  
25 life, yes, and our upbringing, but it wasn't forced upon

1 us as such, but we went along with it and did it.

2 Q. You have already touched upon discipline --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- in the home. Can I just look at that now. The way  
5 you put it in your statement at paragraph 44 is:

6 "Discipline was quite strict in the home and at  
7 times it had to be."

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you just elaborate on what you mean by that?

10 A. I go back to what I said about -- to my mind, some boys  
11 came in and they were a bit older and I hate to call  
12 Glasgow, but most of them came from Glasgow and they  
13 were a bit streetwise and they didn't like the fact that  
14 they were there, and they could misbehave and let the  
15 powers that be know that they didn't like it, and they  
16 didn't take to discipline or to the environment as  
17 readily.

18 Q. For example, you tell us and you give us examples that  
19 discipline could involve you being sent to your dorm on  
20 your own.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did that happen to you?

23 A. It did happen to me, yes. I wasn't a saint.

24 Q. Or maybe, if you were caught fighting, the nuns would  
25 maybe tug your ear and tell you off.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Again, did that happen to you?
- 3 A. It did, yes. These boys, I mean, don't forget I had my  
4 brothers, younger brothers there, and some of these  
5 boys, they might have picked fights with my younger  
6 brothers, maybe myself, and I would try and defend them.  
7 Some of these boys were quite hard boys and you didn't  
8 want to lie down and ... So we would fight back.  
9 In the process, I'd probably be told off and have  
10 discipline on me.
- 11 Q. The discipline you're talking about there is having your  
12 ear tugged?
- 13 A. Yes. That was the general -- "Come on, Patrick, behave  
14 yourself, come on".
- 15 Q. So would a nun take you by the ear and --
- 16 A. If she was there, yes. If she saw what was going on,  
17 yes.
- 18 Q. Were there any particular nuns that --
- 19 A. No. I can't recall any particular nun doing that, no.
- 20 Q. But insofar as you are concerned, is that the extent of  
21 it insofar as your own personal involvement is concerned  
22 or did you have greater discipline inflicted upon you  
23 than that?
- 24 A. No, no. The discipline was there, but we realised it  
25 and so generally we would behave ourselves.

1 Q. But you do tell us, and you've mentioned this already,  
2 that for more serious matters you could be sent to  
3 Sister [REDACTED] EAD

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did that happen to you?

6 A. I remember perhaps once and it did the trick, I think.

7 Q. And what happened then when you --

8 A. I was given the belt.

9 Q. By Sister [REDACTED] EAD ?

10 A. Sister [REDACTED] EAD . She would tell us why she was giving us  
11 it.

12 Q. How was the belt administered?

13 A. It was a slap on the hand.

14 Q. Once or more than once?

15 A. No more than twice.

16 Q. You tell us in your statement the belt was the Lochgelly  
17 tawse.

18 A. It was, yes.

19 Q. Was it known as that in Smyllum?

20 A. Well, I think that's where I got the name from -- or  
21 perhaps it could have been when I went to St Mary's  
22 because it was also dished out there and it was also  
23 dished out in St -- sorry, I don't want to keep naming  
24 various things.

25 When I left the home, the school that I went to, it

1           was dished out there. More so than in Smyllum. It was  
2           dished out a lot in the school that I went to when  
3           I left the home.

4       Q. Did you see any other nun using a belt or a strap?

5       A. No, I didn't.

6       Q. Did you see any nun slapping a child?

7       A. No, I didn't see any of that ever.

8       Q. I think you do say in your statement that there would be  
9           boys who would get the belt more often than others, but  
10          I think what you're telling me is that that would depend  
11          on their behaviour.

12      A. Exactly, yes, it would.

13      Q. If we move on then, Patrick, to the next section of your  
14          statement on paragraph 48 onwards, what you tell us  
15          there is that -- and you've already mentioned this --  
16          that your overall experience of being in Smyllum was  
17          a positive one.

18      A. It certainly was. I really enjoyed it, looking back  
19          at the things that happened afterwards.

20      Q. Have you been following the evidence of the inquiry?

21      A. Only recently. I wish I'd done it before. Like I said,  
22          my statement -- I could add lots more to this statement,  
23          but I'd need to sit down and think about it. Off the  
24          cuff, I couldn't ...

25      Q. If there are things that you want to tell us --

- 1 A. I know that, yes.
- 2 Q. You're more than welcome to do that. You do know, as  
3 you say in your statement, the next paragraph, that  
4 there are boys, now adults of course, who are making  
5 accusations of nuns being violent and making allegations  
6 about [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED], and you say:  
7 "I saw nothing like that."
- 8 A. I didn't see anything like that. I don't know if I can  
9 say it or not, but there are lots of lies being told.  
10 During my time, my window in Smyllum, I never seen any  
11 of what is being said by -- the accusations made against  
12 the nuns. It's like people going into a concentration  
13 camp or a prison. I mean, these nuns and [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED]  
14 dedicated their lives to help boys from bad home life to  
15 give them a better life. They're not going to -- and  
16 they didn't -- the kicking and the slapping never  
17 happened. Not at all.
- 18 Q. I don't know whether you've tried to make any assessment  
19 as to how many people so far have come forward to give  
20 evidence to the inquiry, but more than 50 people so  
21 far --
- 22 A. Yes, and I recognise some of them, and I'm very ashamed  
23 at some of the statements that they made that I know  
24 were not true, and I'm ashamed that they have done so.
- 25 Q. But your position, Patrick, just to be absolutely clear

1 about it -- and we can call a spade a spade -- is that  
2 there are lies being told to --

3 A. Definitely. Definitely, sir.

4 Q. Can I raise with you the role played by [REDACTED] BAC ,  
5 who you mentioned in that part of your statement.  
6 What was your relationship with [REDACTED] BAC ?

7 A. [REDACTED] BAC was a marvellous man. He dedicated his life  
8 to -- as well as being a [REDACTED] around Smyllum, he  
9 dedicated his life to us boys in lots of ways --  
10 football, he was a fantastic tactician of football. He  
11 loved football, he loved games, he loved sport.

12 Q. And were you a football --

13 A. I was, yes. We had a lovely football situation,  
14 especially in the summer. We had different teams made  
15 up of different boys. We played five a side and we had  
16 a prize for the best team at the end of the summer  
17 season. He also took us for badminton, cricket, boxing.  
18 We even acted on stage. He told -- we had a gym. In  
19 winter nights, we'd go there and we'd -- apart from  
20 doing exercises, like running around and somebody would  
21 be in the middle with a ball and you'd kick it and if  
22 you got hit with the ball you were out, until the last  
23 man standing, and to be the last man standing was the  
24 best. He told stories on these winter nights and he was  
25 a very good storyteller. Some of them were quite --



1 something that has -- some evidence that's been given  
2 by --

3 A. I have seen it, yes.

4 Q. Well, I'll see if I can get it on the screen if the  
5 technology can bear with me. This is, I think, Day 28  
6 and for the transcript purposes it's 2230, and that's at  
7 page 162, I think, of what's on the website.

8 Towards the bottom of that page that's on the screen  
9 now, there's some reference to **BAC** and band  
10 practice. And band practice was quite a regular --

11 A. It certainly was, yes.

12 Q. -- event.

13 A. That's why we became very, very good within a year.

14 Q. If I move on to the next page of this part of the  
15 transcript, what's been put to this witness is:

16 "Question: What you say in your statement at  
17 paragraph 154 is that --"

18 And this is the quote:

19 "'I possibly saw more cruelty in that room than  
20 anywhere else in Smyllum.'"

21 Do you see that?

22 A. I can't see that. Which ...

23 Q. The very top of the page.

24 A. Oh, I see. Oh yes, number 2, yes. Can I just tell you  
25 that this -- that is an ultimate lie. There was no

1 cruelty in the band room whatsoever; the band room was  
2 a place of enjoyment and mirth.

3 Q. This witness goes on to provide detail -- I won't take  
4 you through it -- about what happened, being struck by  
5 [REDACTED] BAC, and if you look on to the next page, page 164,  
6 at number 8, look at that:

7 "But getting hit by [REDACTED] BAC, who was a grown  
8 man, as against a nun, you knew. What also happened was  
9 because you were [playing] a musical instrument, when he  
10 hit you, you invariably split your lip wide open because  
11 you were on the mouthpiece of the instrument."

12 So that's that witness's --

13 A. I know who said this. I know who this witness is.

14 Q. I think you know who it is.

15 A. He's telling lies.

16 Q. Because this is --

17 A. He's telling lies.

18 LADY SMITH: About all of it or about just about his lip  
19 being split?

20 A. All of it.

21 LADY SMITH: You say he was never hit by [REDACTED] BAC?

22 A. I am saying he was never hit in the band room by

23 [REDACTED] BAC. No one was hit in the band room by

24 [REDACTED] BAC. No one split their lip because we  
25 needed our lips to play and -- it never happened.

1           BAC wasn't like that.

2           MR MacAULAY: We have heard, and I won't put it to you  
3           because you weren't involved in these incidents, but  
4           there has been evidence before the inquiry of violent  
5           behaviour by BAC towards other children.

6           A. No way.

7           Q. You would say that was not the nature of the man?

8           A. It's a complete fabrication. No, the man -- no, it  
9           wasn't in his nature whatsoever. He never did it -- and  
10          I'd seen him most days. If anything happened, boys  
11          would talk between ourselves and we'd find out things if  
12          I wasn't there at that particular time. BAC wasn't  
13          like that; he was a lovely man.

14          Q. Another incident I want to ask you about in connection  
15          with a boy whose name was Francis McColl.

16          A. Franny, yes.

17          Q. He was a boy you knew?

18          A. I knew Franny very well, yes.

19          Q. Were you present when there was an accident involving  
20          him?

21          A. Yes, I was.

22          Q. We're trying to work out exactly where it was.

23          A. I know it was in Aberfoyle.

24          Q. Are you absolutely clear about that?

25          A. I was, yeah. I am.

1 Q. What happened?

2 A. Well, we had a golf club, we had several balls, and  
3 BAC was teaching us how to play golf. He more or  
4 less taught us how to stand by the ball and how to hit  
5 it. What we were going to do -- we had lots of games at  
6 camp that mainly came from BAC that he derived. So  
7 when it was -- what we were going to do was we had  
8 several balls and whoever had a ball would hit it up the  
9 football field and whoever got the ball, it was his turn  
10 to come round and to hit the ball.

11 Q. Was this a sort of game?

12 A. It was a game, yes. It was a game. It was learning how  
13 to golf. We were very limited in the golf clubs that we  
14 had, but BAC instructed us how to stand for the  
15 ball, how to hit it. He stressed that before we went to  
16 hit the ball, we must look round to the left and to the  
17 right to make sure that there was no one standing there  
18 in the way.

19 I remember getting the ball, I was in turn, standing  
20 behind the boy who was going to hit the ball, and he was  
21 called ██████.

22 Q. So you had actually got the ball and you had the next  
23 shot?

24 A. Yes. So I was there at the particular time of the  
25 incident. I remember ██████ going to hit the ball and

1 he turned round and Francis was stood there and he said,  
2 "Francis, stand back, out of the way, I'm going to hit  
3 the ball. Francis, stand back, Francis". He turned  
4 round, obviously excited to hit the ball, he went to hit  
5 it. Francis was a little bit deaf and he didn't move.  
6 And unfortunately -- I don't know if [REDACTED] actually  
7 hit the ball or he missed it, but he followed through  
8 and he hit Francis on the temple (indicates).

9 Q. You're pointing to the left temple.

10 A. Yes, I think he was stood there (indicates), Francis was  
11 there, yes, the left temple.

12 LADY SMITH: And he hit him with the golf club?

13 A. Unfortunately, yes.

14 LADY SMITH: Was this in a field or on a golf course?

15 A. No, it was on a field. A football field. We hit the  
16 balls up the football field and the boys stood way, way  
17 clear further up the field in the hope of getting the  
18 ball, which was hit. It wasn't a golf course, it was  
19 a football field, and it was at camp in Aberfoyle.

20 I heard a lot of statements referring to this situation  
21 and seriously that was the ultimate truth of the matter  
22 because I was there and I remember it vividly.

23 LADY SMITH: Tell me, the other boys who were standing  
24 ahead, so they were standing in the direction of travel  
25 of the golf ball?

- 1 A. The boys who were waiting to get the ball? Yes, but  
2 they were very far away.
- 3 LADY SMITH: What was the idea, that they would catch the  
4 ball?
- 5 A. Not catch the ball. When it landed, you'd go and pick  
6 it up and then run to the side and to the back, so they  
7 could hit the ball -- have a go at hitting the golf  
8 club.
- 9 LADY SMITH: And that was okay, was it, to have the boys up  
10 there?
- 11 A. Yes, nothing wrong with that. The boys were far away,  
12 they weren't in any danger whatsoever of the balls  
13 hitting them.
- 14 LADY SMITH: How can you say that?
- 15 A. Because I saw it and I was there. There was no  
16 implication of them being in danger. The only thing  
17 that ever happened was poor Francis McColl got hit on  
18 the temple.
- 19 MR MacAULAY: Do you know -- did you see any boy in his  
20 anxiety to have the next shot trying to catch the ball  
21 so he would, as it were, be ahead of the game?
- 22 A. No, I don't remember any boys being able to catch the  
23 ball. The fact is that we probably didn't hit the ball  
24 that well anyway at our ages.
- 25 Q. So who was in charge then of this whole process at that

1 time?

2 A. Well, **BAC**. He initially taught us, told us the

3 procedures and what we had to do for safety.

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. So **BAC** initially was in charge.

6 Q. Was he there when this happened?

7 A. I can't remember if he was there, I'm sorry.

8 Q. Coming then to when you came to leave Smyllum, Patrick,

9 you have already mentioned the role of the welfare

10 officer in connection with that and asking you whether

11 you wanted to be adopted, I think. Is that correct?

12 A. That's my recollection of it, yes.

13 Q. And you didn't was the short answer.

14 A. Yes, because I thought it would mean being split up from

15 my family.

16 LADY SMITH: Was this a particular meeting for assessing

17 what was happening next?

18 A. It was just a meeting with the welfare officer with me.

19 LADY SMITH: At Smyllum?

20 A. Yes, at Smyllum, in one of the big rooms at the front of

21 the house. It was just me and the welfare officer, who

22 was a lady.

23 LADY SMITH: Do you remember her name?

24 A. I don't remember her name. I was 14. I remember a lot

25 of things and a lot of things are coming back to me.

1 LADY SMITH: Anyway, you remember a lady welfare officer.  
2 Had you met that one before, do you know?  
3 A. I think she was from my home town.  
4 LADY SMITH: Right.  
5 A. I don't recall meeting her before, no.  
6 LADY SMITH: And it just came up that she wanted to know if  
7 you wanted to be adopted?  
8 A. Yes. So I just assumed that perhaps she knew of the  
9 situations that my mother was in, the home that we were  
10 going to go to, and perhaps she thought maybe it would  
11 mean a better option for us. But I was too young to  
12 make that decision, looking back. But I really wish  
13 that -- I loved my mum, God bless her, and she had  
14 a hard life herself, but I just wish perhaps it would  
15 have been better had we been adopted, yes.  
16 LADY SMITH: Right. But this just came out of the blue, did  
17 it?  
18 A. Well, yes, that was -- yes, because Smyllum were  
19 repatriating children to wherever.  
20 LADY SMITH: Thank you.  
21 MR MacAULAY: I'll come just to follow that line through in  
22 a moment, but I should have asked you about another boy  
23 who died when he was a resident and that's Sammy Carr.  
24 You do tell us something about that. I don't think you  
25 were involved in any of the background to his death;

- 1 is that correct?
- 2 A. I don't think anybody was involved in the background to  
3 his death. I wasn't. My recollections of Sammy Carr  
4 was he was a little boy and he came from the little  
5 boys, I think, and he came over to -- we were called the  
6 big boys in those days and **BAC** had told us that  
7 he had a terminal illness and he wasn't going to be with  
8 us that long and we were to treat him well and look  
9 after him.
- 10 Q. That's what I want to ask you about because we know that  
11 Samuel Carr did die.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. But you're telling us about something --
- 14 A. There are stories about his death that are not true.
- 15 Q. The inquiry has looked at this, I don't want to ask you  
16 about that. I'm interested in this notion that prior to  
17 that it was being suggested that he had some form of  
18 terminal illness. Is that --
- 19 A. That's my recollection.
- 20 Q. Can you tell me how long, prior to you knew that  
21 Samuel Carr had died, that this was being said?
- 22 A. Can you repeat that?
- 23 Q. Yes. We know Samuel Carr died in June 1964.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. But what you tell us in your statement is that, at

1 paragraph 58 -- I'll read it:

2 " BAC told us that Sammy had a terminal illness  
3 and encouraged the rest of us to look after him and get  
4 him involved when we were playing football and doing  
5 other things."

6 So you're telling us about events that happened  
7 before, for example, Samuel Carr went to hospital?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Or was --

10 A. Yes, he played with us in the yard. We played football  
11 and we involved him in anything that we were doing. We  
12 went out of our way, knowing his situation, to try and  
13 make things nice for him.

14 Q. And the situation you had in mind was that he had  
15 a terminal illness?

16 A. Yes, that he was going to die.

17 Q. When you came to leave then, Patrick, you've told us  
18 about this encounter you had with the welfare officer.  
19 When you actually left, where did you go?

20 A. I went to -- am I allowed to say exactly where I went?

21 Q. Yes, of course.

22 A. I went to Glasgow. I went to stay with my mother and  
23 her boyfriend, who had a son and two daughters. He also  
24 had a son who was in a home because he was a bit  
25 mentally disturbed. So we went to live there.

- 1 Q. You tell us in your statement that you eventually moved  
2 to London?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What age were you when that happened?
- 5 A. Well, I did other things before that, but yes, I was 20.
- 6 Q. You worked as a waiter, I think, and --
- 7 A. I worked as a waiter in Glasgow.
- 8 Q. You also worked in a hotel in North Berwick as well.
- 9 A. Yes, I worked in the [REDACTED] Restaurant in Hope Street,  
10 Glasgow, as a commis waiter and then for the summer  
11 season I went to North Berwick and had my own station --  
12 and I was only 16, I think -- and then I went to live  
13 with my granny. I was sending back, by the way, my  
14 wages to my mother in Glasgow at the time, which was £3  
15 a week, and I lived off my tips.
- 16 Q. But in due course you started to work as a butcher?
- 17 A. When I went to London, I started work as a butcher.  
18 I did have several jobs before then but yes.
- 19 Q. I have already sketched out at the beginning of your  
20 evidence what your career has been since then. It  
21 looks, on the face of it, to have been a successful one.
- 22 A. Yes, very much so. A lot to do with my wife here  
23 (indicates).
- 24 Q. Yes. Well, you do mention that as well in your  
25 statement, that you were married very young and that was

- 1           important for you.
- 2       A.   Yes.
- 3       Q.   Just then looking at the impact of Smyllum on you,  
4           Patrick, how would you summarise that impact?
- 5       A.   Like I said in my statement, it was a positive one.  
6           I think it stood me in good stead for the future to go  
7           into the big wide world. It gave me the knowledge of  
8           right and wrong and also to be perhaps -- try and be  
9           a good person.
- 10      Q.   And you provide us with some thoughts as to your hopes  
11         for the inquiry.
- 12      A.   Yes.
- 13      Q.   Can you summarise these for us?
- 14      A.   Yes. Well, I just hoped, because mainly of when  
15         I looked at some of the statements, the transcripts,  
16         I just hoped it was going to be fair and that **BAC**  
17         and the nuns would be treated fairly. To my mind, a lot  
18         of the statements are false and the way it's looking  
19         is that that's not going to happen. In my mind, it's  
20         overwhelming on one side -- there's more on the side of  
21         looking bad at what happened, how the nuns treated us or  
22         how **BAC** treated us.
- 23      Q.   You may not be aware, Patrick, but next week we will  
24         hear a lot of evidence from nuns, who will provide us  
25         with their own accounts.

- 1 A. Yes. But I just seem to think that a lot of people  
2 have, I would say, jumped on the bandwagon.
- 3 Q. What is the bandwagon, do you think?
- 4 A. I think it's compensation. I'm sorry, but I really do  
5 think that's what it's really about. There might be one  
6 or two real stories in it, but the majority of them, to  
7 my mind, are untrue, out and out lies, I'm sorry -- in  
8 my time there because the home's been in existence since  
9 the 1800s.
- 10 Q. When you say compensation, you will not know how many of  
11 them of the many that have come forward to the inquiry  
12 have actually sought compensation.
- 13 A. I wouldn't know that and they might even say, "I'm  
14 coming forward, I don't want any money", but eventually  
15 compensation will raise its ugly head and they will get  
16 it.
- 17 Q. You do make comments towards the latter part of your  
18 statement, Patrick, about children being buried in  
19 unmarked graves. What do you want to tell us about  
20 that?
- 21 A. I just read that latterly this year and I know there's  
22 an organisation of Children Abused in Care, or whatever  
23 it's called. So that was new to me. Right, what have  
24 I said?
- 25 Q. If you look at paragraph 75 --

1       A. Yes, before that, though, first of all I would like to  
2       point out that what had happened was over a great many  
3       years and many of those years were times where poverty  
4       and ill health were rife, so it is inevitable that  
5       children of such times would die young. I believe that  
6       the children would have been -- I don't believe that the  
7       children would have been buried in unmarked graves and  
8       I'm sure there would have been some sort of recognition  
9       that they were there and perhaps, monetarily wise, the  
10      nuns couldn't afford at those particular times to erect  
11      a proper tombstone to them. I should imagine perhaps  
12      they were buried above one another, perhaps, and over  
13      time -- I would have thought, well, in -- deep in my  
14      heart, I would have thought that the nuns would have put  
15      a cross there.

16             The nuns weren't what they're made out to be. They  
17      took vows of charity and love and what have you, and  
18      they wouldn't let that happen. They're not the people  
19      that they're being portrayed to be.

20      Q. Okay. Can I ask you about one particular episode -- and  
21      I can't put the actual evidence to you because we just  
22      heard about it yesterday -- where a number of older  
23      children were -- there were allegations of peer sexual  
24      abuse made against them, and there was some sort of  
25      public punishment. Have you any recollection of that?

1 A. What sort of sexual abuse are you referring to? Who did  
2 it?

3 Q. We've been given -- I'm just asking you do you have --

4 A. No, I didn't see any sexual --

5 Q. I'm not asking if you saw any sexual abuse; I'm asking  
6 you if you have any recollection of there being a form  
7 of public punishment in the gymnasium by

8 **BAC** --

9 A. Definitely not. Definitely not. In my time there,  
10 definitely not. What was supposed to be the punishment  
11 for? Why was he dishing it out?

12 Q. Indeed. Well --

13 A. He didn't dish out any punishment, **BAC**.

14 Q. If you have no recollection of it, I can't take it any  
15 further with you.

16 Is there anything further you'd like to say,  
17 Patrick? Because you have said on one or two occasions  
18 there are things that you'd ...

19 A. Addendum? That's my addendum. I can read it out if you  
20 like.

21 Q. I didn't realise this was yours. I thought it was for  
22 another witness. Do you have it with you?

23 A. I don't, no.

24 Q. My apologies.

25 A. It was just an afterthought. I just thought I should

1           mention it.

2           LADY SMITH: Don't worry. It's just been put in a place for  
3           another witness.

4           A. (Handed). That's not mine.

5           MR MacAULAY: Is there something you have?

6           A. If you scroll down to the end of this, I did send in  
7           a sort of addendum, just an additional thought that  
8           I remembered.

9           Q. For some reason, I don't seem to have it.

10          A. It's not here, no.

11          Q. We can have a break, Patrick.

12          A. I don't know how we'd come to get it.

13          Q. If you've sent it in, we'll get it. Perhaps we can have  
14          a short break --

15          LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay, we'll have a break and see where  
16          this document is.

17                    You sent in something you'd written yourself?

18          A. Yes.

19          LADY SMITH: Some time after you'd signed your statement?

20          A. After I signed my statement, yes.

21          LADY SMITH: Which we know was on 29 December.

22          A. Yes.

23          LADY SMITH: So some time in the last couple of weeks, you  
24          sent something in?

25                    We'll have a break.

1 (11.06 am)

2 (A short break)

3 (11.24 am)

4 LADY SMITH: Patrick, the document you sent in this week has  
5 been identified and I hope you have now got a copy of  
6 it.

7 A. Yes, I have.

8 LADY SMITH: Thank you for drawing our attention to that.  
9 Are you satisfied that that's the paper you sent in for  
10 us to take account of?

11 A. Yes.

12 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

13 Mr MacAulay.

14 MR MacAULAY: Patrick, now that you have it in front of you,  
15 I think you would like to read it out to the inquiry.

16 A. It's only a short statement, just an afterthought:

17 "The reason I made this statement was because  
18 primarily, way back in 1997/1998, I had read reports in  
19 some of the Scottish papers about accusations about  
20 **BAC**. To my mind, these accusations were  
21 untrue and I then decided to write to those papers to  
22 say so. I did not do this right away. The stories  
23 seemed to die a death so I let it be.

24 "Then came the revelations of lots of Smyllum  
25 children being buried in the cemetery in Lanark. This

1 to me seemed to be the main reason this inquiry began.  
2 The press and the inquiry were urging people to come  
3 forward if they had had experiences of abuse one way or  
4 another at Smyllum.

5 "After I had made my statement, I learnt that  
6 I could go online and read the transcripts from the  
7 people that had come forward to make their statements.  
8 On doing this, I can only say that I was shocked and  
9 horrified to read some of their statements. The nuns  
10 and **BAC** were portrayed as monsters and out and out  
11 child beaters. I think that was said to be happening on  
12 a daily basis.

13 "May I just reiterate I saw nothing of this sort in  
14 my seven years at the home and after reading those  
15 transcripts I began to wonder if I had actually been at  
16 the same home and had been looked after by the same  
17 people as them.

18 "Why did these people wait, in some cases,  
19 40 years-plus before coming forward with the tales that  
20 we are hearing about now? I also think on reading the  
21 transcripts that there is an awful lot of conflicting  
22 and made-up stories. Some children had come to Smyllum  
23 at different ages -- 13, 14, et cetera -- and had, like  
24 myself, come from horrible environments, which we  
25 presumed was the norm. I know some of them were, can

1 I say, quite hard and streetwise so therefore would not  
2 have taken to discipline readily.

3 "I wish the inquiry well and hope that they can sort  
4 out the wheat from the chaff."

5 Q. Thank you, Patrick. Hopefully we've provided you with  
6 the opportunity to have your say in the inquiry.

7 A. Yes, thank you.

8 MR MacAULAY: Thank you for coming and providing us with  
9 your evidence. I have not been sent any questions to  
10 put to you and I do not know if there are any questions  
11 that anyone wishes to put to you.

12 LADY SMITH: Can I check whether there are any outstanding  
13 applications for questions of this witness. No.

14 Patrick, thank you very much. There are no further  
15 questions for you today. It has been very helpful for  
16 you to come along and share your memories with the  
17 inquiry. I'm now able to let you go.

18 A. Thank you, my Lady.

19 (The witness withdrew)

20 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, the next witness is programmed to be  
21 here to give evidence at 11.45, but it would be possible  
22 in the meantime to have a short statement read into the  
23 evidence.

24 LADY SMITH: Let's do that then. Thank you.

25 MS MACLEOD: My Lady, this is a statement that was scheduled

1 to be read in next week, but given the opportunity,  
2 I will read it in now.

3 This is the statement of Elizabeth Aitken and it is  
4 to be found at WIT.001.001.2569:

5 "My name is Elizabeth Aitken, my date of birth was  
6 in 1918. My contact details are known to the inquiry.

7 "In 1939, I became a state registered nurse. Along  
8 with a couple of other nurses, I contracted diphtheria  
9 and I was advised not to start my general training.

10 "I was a state registered fever nurse. In those  
11 days you had fever hospitals and general hospitals.  
12 They were kept separate. There was no National Health  
13 Service. They were normally run by the local  
14 authorities.

15 "I took a staff nurse job at Roadmeetings Hospital  
16 in Carluke, which was a fever hospital. I was there for  
17 about five years and then moved on to Dumfries &  
18 Galloway Infirmary. I believe Roadmeetings is a care  
19 home now. It's up on a hill. It covered the whole of  
20 Lanarkshire for scarlet fever and tuberculosis. When  
21 children had measles and things like that, they were  
22 just kept at home.

23 "Roadmeetings had two large wards, one for females  
24 and one for males, and the sanatorium at the top of the  
25 hill. The children mixed with the adults. You worked

1 on every ward there, wherever you were needed.

2 "Some of the children we got at the hospital came  
3 from Smyllum Orphanage. It had its own little hospital  
4 where they could treat children when they had ringworm,  
5 impetigo and that sort of thing, which were rife in  
6 those days. However, they would come to us with  
7 notifiable diseases.

8 "When you attended Smyllum to collect a child you  
9 were allowed into the entrance but that's as far as you  
10 got. I would say they didn't want you to know what went  
11 on. It was a closed order and they didn't want people  
12 to know what was going on.

13 "I can still picture the entrance hall at Smyllum.  
14 It was quite big. It was situated in the high street in  
15 Lanark. It was quite a large building. The entrance  
16 hall was tiled. I couldn't tell you where their own  
17 hospital was in the building.

18 "The incubation period for scarlet fever was ten to  
19 15 days. Once the rash had cleared and the skin had  
20 peeled off, they were given a special bath. They'd be  
21 in hospital for a total of three weeks. The  
22 ambulanceman then took them back to the home.

23 "I don't remember if any of the nuns had scarlet  
24 fever. They wouldn't have come to us; they would have  
25 kept them in their own hospital, although

1 Roadmeetings Hospital was for children and adults.

2 "I can't say I'm aware of any of the children from  
3 Smyllum dying while they were in the hospital. If  
4 someone died of a notifiable disease someone would have  
5 to be told, the procurator fiscal, I think, but I don't  
6 think they had to notify the hospital.

7 "I never met a doctor at Smyllum. I expect it would  
8 be a doctor from the town. I never met the doctor.  
9 Nurses didn't speak to the doctors then. Everything  
10 would go through the ward sister, who would then speak  
11 to the doctor. It wasn't the same person who collected  
12 the child that took them back; it was whoever was on  
13 duty.

14 "Normally, when we went to collect someone with  
15 scarlet fever, there was a man came with you in the  
16 ambulance and you took the patient out and he would  
17 disinfect the house. When you went to Smyllum to pick  
18 children up, they'd only let him into the entrance hall  
19 to disinfect. This was defeating the purpose because it  
20 wasn't disinfecting the whole place. He burnt a pellet  
21 of some kind to disinfect the place if my memory serves  
22 me correctly. I don't know if the ambulanceman reported  
23 the fact that he only disinfected the hall. I didn't  
24 report it. I never thought anything about it at the  
25 time.

1           "I couldn't say a child from Smyllum had been abused  
2 because I didn't see a child being abused, but they  
3 weren't like normal children. While other children  
4 would be running about playing after recovering from  
5 scarlet fever, the Smyllum children just sat beside  
6 their bed as if they were frightened. They were very  
7 subdued children.

8           "This was during the war, of course, so there was  
9 rationing. I couldn't say the children were  
10 undernourished. If someone was admitted to  
11 Roadmeetings, they had to be referred by their doctor  
12 who would contact the hospital and say there was an  
13 outbreak of scarlet fever. I can't recall any of the  
14 doctors' names. I don't think their hospital was run by  
15 registered nurses; it was run by the nuns. But I don't  
16 know if they were nurses.

17           "I couldn't say how many children were admitted from  
18 Smyllum, but there was only ever one child at any one  
19 time over intervals, not groups of children in my  
20 memory. I think they were diagnosed quite quickly  
21 because, having had it myself when I was 18, the rash  
22 spreads quite quickly. They would have a high fever for  
23 a short time, then the skin started peeling.

24           "You would get an outburst of scarlet fever. You  
25 might go quite a long time without having to go to

1 Smyllum. We also dealt with tuberculosis and diphtheria  
2 at the hospital. Smyllum looked after their own in  
3 terms of measles and tuberculosis, et cetera. We only  
4 got their children for notifiable diseases.

5 "When you went to collect a child you normally went  
6 to where he or she was, but they brought the child to  
7 you. One of the nuns would bring the child down wrapped  
8 in a blanket or something like that. There was no  
9 affection shown by the nuns. They were very strict.  
10 The children were seen but not heard.

11 "The children never spoke to me. There was never  
12 any close contact. They were very quiet. They weren't  
13 like normal children, who would play around after  
14 recovering from the disease. We didn't think about  
15 this; we just thought this was their way of life.  
16 I can't remember the names of any of the children; it's  
17 70-odd years ago.

18 "The children were from about 3 years old and  
19 upwards. They were such quiet children. They didn't  
20 respond to you. When we washed them, they didn't  
21 respond to you talking to them. I can't remember them  
22 laughing at all. I never thought anything of it at the  
23 time. I just thought that was how the children were.

24 "They couldn't play with other children. I always  
25 thought it was a sad life. I don't think they knew how

1 to play because nobody played with them. You just  
2 looked after them and sent them back to the home.

3 "Some of them weren't very healthy. They would have  
4 ringworm or impetigo, these infectious diseases, but  
5 these would be dealt with in their own hospital. Their  
6 immune system wasn't very good; that's why they kept  
7 getting recurring attacks of ringworm, et cetera. They  
8 wouldn't if they were in good health.

9 "If a child wet the bed in hospital we just changed  
10 the sheets and gave them a fresh mattress. I don't know  
11 what happened in Smyllum. We didn't punish a child for  
12 bed-wetting at all. They couldn't help wetting their  
13 beds. If they were very young children, you'd put  
14 nappies on them.

15 "The children from Smyllum acted differently to  
16 others when they wet their bed. They sat quietly, like  
17 they were trying to hide the fact they had wet the bed.  
18 Knowing what I know now, I think they thought they'd be  
19 punished for wetting the bed. When they wet the beds,  
20 their sheets and mattresses were changed, and then the  
21 child would get a rubber mat under the sheet. They  
22 would also get washed with warm water and a sponge or  
23 cloth. If there was no disinfectant, you used soap.  
24 There was a jelly soap that you took out of a tin and  
25 put it into the water, which made the suds.

1            "We might have used carbolic soap to wash our hands;  
2 we would never use it on the children. In those days  
3 people did use carbolic soap to wash because it was  
4 a disinfectant as far as they were concerned.

5            "One treatment I knew that happened to the children  
6 from Smyllum was they were put into cold baths for  
7 misbehaving. I can't remember how I know that, whether  
8 someone told me or what.

9            "The children didn't say anything. They were quiet  
10 children. I can't recall if the children from Smyllum  
11 wore clothes that were any different from other  
12 children. The clothes they had been wearing would be  
13 disinfected, they wouldn't have been destroyed.

14           "Visitors only got the chance to come to the window.  
15 Parents of children would come to the window and the  
16 children would go over and do a sort of sign language to  
17 communicate.

18           "The Smyllum children never got any visitors. The  
19 children had charts that hung from their bed. I don't  
20 know what happened to these records when the children  
21 went back to Smyllum. I think they would have stayed  
22 at the hospital.

23           "I saw an article in the Sunday Post about the  
24 children from Smyllum in a huge grave and thought about  
25 the time I worked with the children there.

1           "I have no objection to my witness statement being  
2 published as part of the evidence to the inquiry.

3 I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are  
4 true."

5           The statement was signed, my Lady, by  
6 Elizabeth Aitken on 10 October 2017.

7 LADY SMITH: Thank you very much.

8 MS MACLEOD: My Lady, I would now propose to have a short  
9 adjournment before the next witness is called.

10 LADY SMITH: I think the next witness is probably not ready,  
11 just yet. 10 to 15 minutes?

12 MS MACLEOD: Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

14 (11.38 am)

15 (A short break)

16 (11.53 am)

17 MR MacAULAY: The next witness wants to remain anonymous and  
18 he wants to use the name "Rondo" in giving his evidence.

19 "RONDO" (sworn)

20 Questions from Mr MacAULAY

21 MR MacAULAY: Good morning, Rondo.

22 A. Good morning.

23 Q. It is the morning now still. I'm going to ask you some  
24 questions, Rondo, essentially based on the statement you  
25 provided to the inquiry.

1           If I ask you something that you don't remember, just  
2           say so. Likewise, if I ask you something and you  
3           remember something that you didn't remember when you  
4           gave us your statement, feel free to tell us.

5           The first thing I want to do then, Rondo, is to take  
6           you to your statement and I'm going to give the  
7           reference for the benefit of the transcript. It's  
8           WIT.001.001.3142.

9           I'd like to take you to the final page of the  
10          statement. It's in the red folder in front of you.  
11          I think for these purposes, if I can just ask you to  
12          look --

13       LADY SMITH: Yes. It's okay, we just need you to look at  
14          the folder once, Rondo, and we can use the screen after  
15          that if that's easier for you.

16       A. Fine.

17       MR MacAULAY: You'll see the reason I'm asking you to look  
18          at this is to ask you to confirm that you've signed the  
19          statement.

20       A. Yes, I've signed the statement.

21       Q. And can I also just take from you, since we're looking  
22          at that page, that you say at paragraph 124:

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

25       A. I haven't got any objection.

- 1 Q. And you also say:
- 2 "I believe the facts stated in this witness
- 3 statement are true."
- 4 A. They are true.
- 5 Q. Okay. I don't need your date of birth, but we need
- 6 a time frame and I do need the year of your birth.
- 7 Am I right in saying that you were born in 1950?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. In your statement, you begin your statement by providing
- 10 us with some background as to why you felt it was
- 11 important for you to come and speak to the inquiry;
- 12 is that right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Can you tell us why you considered it important to come
- 15 and speak to us?
- 16 A. Well, what I've been reading in the press -- I think
- 17 I've given you in the statement there --
- 18 Q. It's on the screen, the first part of your statement.
- 19 A. Aye. Well, when I gave the statement out to [REDACTED] and
- 20 [REDACTED], it was slightly different from -- it's more or
- 21 less the same but not quite, and I would like to read
- 22 this one out.
- 23 Q. Is this to explain the background to your coming here?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Yes, that's the question I'm asking you.

1 A. Yes, I've got that in front of me now.

2 Q. Just carry on.

3 A. What I've put here is:

4 "Smyllum: The Crucifixion of the Truth."

5 Q. If I can just stop you there because I can put this on  
6 the screen for other people. This is something you  
7 handed in today; is that right?

8 A. No, I handed it -- yes, I've handed it in today, but  
9 I had it when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were taking the  
10 statement off me.

11 Q. Sorry, I interrupted you -- you carry on and read that  
12 then.

13 A. "Smyllum: The crucifixion of the truth. The truth has  
14 been crucified along with the Daughters of Charity and  
15 staff who worked at Smyllum Park Children's Home when  
16 I was a child at Smyllum. Television, newspapers and  
17 the online media are sensationalising former residents  
18 of Smyllum's testimonies. Truth does not sell  
19 newspapers.

20 "The statements from former children of Smyllum Home  
21 when I was there as a child show a gross distortion of  
22 the truth. Most of what they said in their testimonies  
23 was not true.

24 "The Daughters of Charity and the staff who were  
25 looking after us dedicated themselves to the well-being

1 of all the children in their care and chastised them  
2 fairly. I never saw any children ever being kicked or  
3 punched and constantly being hit every day. Total  
4 nonsense. When corporal punishment was given, it was  
5 only sparingly and only when a child misbehaved. I  
6 hardly ever saw corporal punishment being meted out to  
7 the children. I was in Smyllum Children's Home between  
8 1957 and 1964."

9 Q. What you have just read out to us, Rondo, I think, in  
10 another way, sets out what you have set out in  
11 paragraphs 2 and 3 --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- of the statement?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. I'll be coming back to some of that in due course in  
16 your evidence, but I want to pick up the final point you  
17 make there, and that's in relation to your time at  
18 Smyllum.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And what you've just confirmed is that you were admitted  
21 to Smyllum in 1957?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. So far as the admission records go, the date that  
24 we have for the admission records is in [REDACTED] 1957.

25 Does that broadly accord with your own recollection?

- 1 A. I thought it was [REDACTED] but it was early in the  
2 year anyway.
- 3 Q. Indeed. You left in [REDACTED] 1964?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. So you were there for about seven years or so?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Looking to your year of birth, you were there from the  
8 age of 6 or 7 to the age of 14?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Can I just touch very briefly, Rondo, on your life  
11 before care. First of all, you lived with your parents  
12 and you had three brothers and three sisters; is that  
13 right?
- 14 A. Three brothers and four sisters.
- 15 Q. But from what you tell us in your statement, there was  
16 general unhappiness in your family life and you were put  
17 into care.
- 18 A. My father was drinking. He was an alcoholic.
- 19 Q. Was that then the background to --
- 20 A. Yes, my mother took a mental breakdown and she went to  
21 Gartloch Hospital and she stayed there for about  
22 30 years.
- 23 Q. You have mentioned your brothers and sisters; how many  
24 of you then went to Smyllum?
- 25 A. Myself and my brother, [REDACTED]. My two sisters, [REDACTED]

1           and [REDACTED], they went to Nazareth House for about  
2           three years. Right about the same time.

3           Q. Was your brother older or younger than you?

4           A. He was six years older than me.

5           Q. So he would then be about 13 or 14?

6           A. He'd be about 13, I'd think.

7           Q. You provide us with some information about the set-up at  
8           Smyllum and in particular the arrangement with the  
9           dormitories.

10          A. Yes.

11          Q. What was the first dormitory or section that you went to  
12          when you went there?

13          A. Originally, when I went in 1957, it was called  
14          St Anthony's and it was a mixture of boys between the  
15          ages of 7 and 15. That was for roughly about a year or  
16          maybe less.

17          Q. Who was in charge at that time?

18          A. I don't know.

19          Q. By that I mean who was in charge of St Anthony's.

20          A. I don't know. I was too young to remember.

21          Q. But did the set-up change --

22          A. Yes.

23          Q. -- in how these units were being organised?

24          A. Yes. A year later, the set-up was made in such a way  
25          that all the age groups between 7 and 10, 10 and 12, and

1 12 and 15 were separated into those kind of dormitories.

2 Q. Let's take your first dormitory after that then when  
3 you were between 7 and 10. What was that called?

4 A. Sacred Heart.

5 Q. Can you remember now who was in charge of that  
6 dormitory?

7 A. Sister Mary and a girl called **AHJ**. I don't know her  
8 second name.

9 Q. Did that remain the position throughout your time in  
10 Sacred Heart?

11 A. Three years, yes.

12 Q. Then do I understand when you were the age of 10 or so  
13 you moved to another dormitory?

14 A. St Anthony's.

15 Q. That was the original --

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. And that would be for a different age group?

18 A. Roughly about two, two and a half years I would be in  
19 there, yes.

20 Q. Who was in charge during your time then?

21 A. Then it was Sister **AEV** and Miss **AGI**

22 Q. And finally, because you were there until you were 14,  
23 you had moved to the final section.

24 A. St Vincent's.

25 Q. And who was in charge of that?

- 1 A. Sister **EAD** and Miss **IAQ** .
- 2 Q. If I was to show you a photograph, Rondo, would you be  
3 able to able the different locations that you've been  
4 telling us about?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. This will come on the screen in front of you. It's  
7 DSV.001.001.4661.
- 8 Efforts have been made to try and identify different  
9 locations within Smyllum. So you'll see, for example,  
10 that there's a reference to "St Anthony's Boys" and  
11 a little yellow line pointing down.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Is that correct, is that --
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. If we then move to the right, we see a reference to  
16 "St Vincent's Boys" and a little arrow coming down.  
17 Again, is that --
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. I think you mentioned Sacred Heart as well.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. If you move, you'll see the little box to the left.
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. Is that pointing to the right --
- 24 A. Yes, that is.
- 25 Q. Can we see then that the Sacred Heart section was

- 1 a little bit away from the other two that you mentioned?
- 2 A. That's correct, yes.
- 3 Q. Can you remember who the Mother Superiors were, if more  
4 than one, over the period that you were there?
- 5 A. Yes, I believe -- I'm not sure -- for the first year  
6 I was there, it was Sister **EAL** but I'm not sure  
7 about that. Then Sister **BAF** came after that, which  
8 I hardly ever saw.
- 9 Q. When you came to leave, was it Sister **BAF** who was in  
10 charge or can you remember?
- 11 A. I think she was, but I can't remember.
- 12 Q. You can't remember.
- 13 Can I then look at some aspects of the routine with  
14 you. You do give us some information about that in your  
15 statement. Let's look at the mornings first of all.  
16 You do tell us in your statement at paragraph 22 that  
17 when you got up in the morning, you had to make your  
18 bed; is that correct?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Was that the position throughout your whole life at  
21 Smyllum?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. You tell us there that you had to make your beds in  
24 a particular way.
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And can you elaborate upon that? What did that involve?
- 2 A. Make sure it was tucked in properly in a certain way,  
3 the sisters, the way they wanted it. It was always the  
4 same way.
- 5 Q. And if it wasn't done properly, what would happen?
- 6 A. They'd strip the bed down.
- 7 Q. Who would do that?
- 8 A. The sister or one of the staff.
- 9 Q. Was this a procedure that persisted throughout your  
10 whole time there or was it --
- 11 A. Well, it didn't happen that often because you knew to  
12 make it properly, you didn't want to make it again.
- 13 Q. If it was stripped down, you would have to redo it?
- 14 A. Redo it.
- 15 Q. And apart from that part of the process, would anything  
16 happen to you if you hadn't done it properly?
- 17 A. No, you wouldn't get hit or anything like that  
18 whatsoever.
- 19 Q. Would you get a row?
- 20 A. No, no, they would just say -- they'd pull it down and  
21 they'd say, "That's not done properly", and that'd be  
22 it.
- 23 Q. The other aspect I think -- and here you're looking at  
24 the mornings -- you talk about in paragraph 23 of your  
25 statement is to do with bed-wetting.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Can you just explain to me what your experience of that  
3 was?
- 4 A. As far as I know, it was the Sacred Heart only, and the  
5 bed-wetters were kept right beside the toilet. There  
6 was always a night light there as well. They could go  
7 to the toilet if they wanted to. There were two or  
8 three beds down at that end where the toilet was. They  
9 had a red mackintosh in the bed to stop them soiling the  
10 actual mattress.
- 11 Q. You said Sacred Heart. Do you have any recollection of  
12 there being bed-wetters, for example, in St Anthony's?
- 13 A. I don't recollect that, no.
- 14 Q. Or indeed --
- 15 A. No, I think the older they got, I think that kind of  
16 ceased. I think it was initially in that particular  
17 dormitory.
- 18 Q. Did you witness any punishment for those who wet the  
19 bed?
- 20 A. Yes. Well, they had the sheet put over their head, yes.
- 21 Q. Who did that?
- 22 A. As far as I know in Sacred Heart it was a girl called  
23 AHU I don't remember the sister ever doing that, but  
24 I remember AHU doing that.
- 25 Q. And she was quite a young assistant?

- 1 A. I think so. I think she was in her 20s.
- 2 Q. What happened? Can I just understand what your  
3 recollection is as to what would happen to the  
4 bed-wetter?
- 5 A. They would stand there for about a couple of minutes  
6 with it on their head, then they would remove it, but  
7 I think the sheets were taken to the laundry. I'm not  
8 sure actually. They were washed again anyway. There  
9 was no beatings or anything like that.
- 10 Q. Did you ever see a sister doing that?
- 11 A. No, I never. I can't remember anything like that. Just  
12 the staff member.
- 13 Q. On how many occasions did you see that happening?
- 14 A. That was happening nearly every day. If they wet the  
15 bed it would happen every day more or less.
- 16 Q. So far as standing with the sheets on your head would be  
17 concerned, these would be the wet sheets?
- 18 A. Yes, correct.
- 19 Q. And how would the sheets then go from there to wherever  
20 they have to go to --
- 21 A. I don't know. I don't know.
- 22 Q. Can I just put to you a piece of evidence that we've had  
23 in the inquiry because I know you've been looking at  
24 transcripts, you've been looking at the website --
- 25 A. Yes, I've looked at them all.

1 Q. -- and following the evidence.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. This is evidence given on Day 26. What I've tried to  
4 do, Rondo, is try and identify witnesses who may have  
5 been present in Smyllum at about the -- it's very  
6 difficult to be absolutely sure, but at about the same  
7 sort of time as yourself.

8 If we're looking at Day 26, it's at 1811, and  
9 this'll come on the screen for you if you just give it  
10 a minute. If you move towards the bottom of the page --  
11 it should be page 72.

12 There's a question there being put --

13 A. I've not got it on the screen yet.

14 Q. If you look at the left --

15 A. Number 25 it's on.

16 LADY SMITH: Those numbers on the left are the line numbers;  
17 the page number is stated once at the top corner, so  
18 don't worry about that.

19 A. I see, right.

20 MR MacAULAY: Line number 22. The question is put to the  
21 witness:

22 "Question: You also talk about bed-wetting in your  
23 statement. [That's at page 10.] You do tell us that  
24 you had a problem with bed-wetting for a bit.

25 "Answer: Yes."

1           And then if you turn on to page 73, he's asked to  
2           tell what happened, and if I can pick it up at line  
3           numbers 6 and 7 because this is something you mention in  
4           your statement.

5           A. Yes.

6           Q. He says:

7                    "Answer: Because if you were caught during the  
8                    night you'd get whacked because there were no lights on.  
9                    You were not allowed because our dorm was there and the  
10                   toilet was there."

11           You, I think, disagree with the fact that --

12           A. Absolute rubbish. Absolute rubbish.

13           Q. Because you say --

14           A. There was a night light always there. It was usually  
15           a red one, it was very dim, but you could see where you  
16           were going okay. That's absolute rubbish.

17           Q. When you say "always", are you looking at each of the  
18           dormitories you're talking about or any in particular --

19           A. They all had night lights. They all had night lights.

20           Q. But then the witness goes on to say, if you look at  
21           line 14:

22                    "Answer: But when I had wet the bed, oh boy, that  
23                    was -- in front of everybody, look. Get everybody  
24                    laughing at me and make me feel ashamed."

25           Do you have any recollection of other children

- 1           laughing at the children who had wet the bed?
- 2       A.   They may have been, they may have been.  I didn't do it
- 3           whatsoever.
- 4       Q.   No, but there may have been?
- 5       A.   There may have been.  You'll get that among children.
- 6           You will get that among children.  There may have been.
- 7       Q.   I'm just wanting to know what your recollection is.
- 8           Then the witness is asked what happened:
- 9           "Answer:  Stripped naked and then battered, bathed.
- 10          "Question:  By whom?
- 11          "Answer:  By the sister?
- 12          "Question:  And when you 'battered' --
- 13          "Answer:  The belt."
- 14          What I want to ask you is:  did you see anything like
- 15          that?
- 16       A.   Absolute rubbish.
- 17       Q.   I suppose it could have happened somewhere, but you
- 18           didn't --
- 19       A.   It was seven years -- I know the fella you're talking
- 20           about and I know him very, very, very well.  It's
- 21           absolute rubbish.  I know his identity.  I know two of
- 22           the boys that were with me at that time.
- 23       Q.   When you say you know, do I take it from what you've
- 24           said that having studied the transcripts you're able --
- 25       A.   Yes, dead easy.  It's quite easy.

1 Q. Okay. Again, whether it's at the same time or not it's  
2 not 100 per cent clear, but if I take you to this  
3 particular evidence as well -- and this is on Day 27,  
4 this is a witness whose time certainly crossed over with  
5 your own. If I can take you to page 1964 of this  
6 evidence. That should be page 76 on what's on the  
7 screen.

8 You'll see at line number 6 there's a question:

9 "Question: In the morning was there an issue over  
10 bed-wetting?

11 "Answer: Yes. I had a problem -- and a lot of  
12 people had a problem -- with bed-wetting."

13 He's asked to focus on his position. Then he's  
14 asked the question:

15 "Question: What would happen if you wet the bed?

16 "Answer: Well, you got -- when they found out  
17 in the morning, the first thing you got was a belting  
18 for it.

19 "Question: From whom though?

20 "Answer: It was usually from the little woman  
21 I described. But there was also sometimes older boys in  
22 charge of you, you know, when there wasn't a member of  
23 staff around."

24 Again, just looking to that, you don't accept that  
25 there was a belting of any kind?

- 1 A. No, they were shouted at maybe, but that's about all.  
2 There were no beltings.
- 3 Q. When you say "shouted at", what sort of things would be  
4 shouted?
- 5 A. "They've wet the bed again", something like that.  
6 I can't remember exactly what it was, but they would be  
7 shouted at in the morning. They wouldn't always wet the  
8 bed, the same person every day, maybe two or three beds  
9 were bed-wetters, but there would be at least one who  
10 wet the bed every day or wet the bed every second or  
11 third day.
- 12 Q. Perhaps if I can put a final section to you then. This  
13 is on Day 27. Again, I've tried to identify a period  
14 that might cover the period that you were there. We're  
15 looking at page 1911. That should be page 13 on the  
16 screen. If we move down to about line number 14, the  
17 question is put:
- 18 "Question: Can I just look at that again with you  
19 in a bit more detail. The person who was rubbing the  
20 child's face into the sheet, who was that?
- 21 "Answer: She was a [REDACTED] woman and  
22 I think her name was Ms [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] one of the two."  
23 Does that name ring any bells with you, Miss [REDACTED]  
24 or Miss [REDACTED]? You mentioned a Miss [REDACTED] --]
- 25 A. Miss [REDACTED]. That's the only one I would say with

1 a short name maybe --

2 Q. Does this description fit in with Miss [REDACTED] AEV ?

3 A. No, it doesn't fit in with Miss [REDACTED] AEV no.

4 Q. Then:

5 "Answer: The sister also did it. The two of them  
6 did it, not just her?

7 "Question: And what sister?

8 "Answer: This is Sister [REDACTED] AGI ."

9 If you're talking about Sister [REDACTED] AGI from what  
10 you've told us, would that be in connection with  
11 St Anthony's or Sacred Heart?

12 A. What do you mean, sorry?

13 Q. You told us I think the nuns that were in charge of the  
14 different dormitories.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What dormitory was --

17 A. Sister Mary was in charge of Sacred Heart;  
18 Sister [REDACTED] AGI was in charge of St Anthony's.

19 Q. Would it be the case then that if Sister [REDACTED] AGI 's  
20 being mentioned it's likely it's in connection with  
21 St Anthony's dormitory?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. The witness goes on to say:

24 "Answer: It didn't matter who did it, they did it.  
25 It was like they both worked in tandem, like. She would

1 go down one side -- the [REDACTED] woman would go down  
2 one side of the dormitory."

3 A. That was Miss [REDACTED] AEV the [REDACTED].

4 Q. That is Miss [REDACTED] AEV ?

5 A. As soon as you mentioned a [REDACTED] she was a wee  
6 lady, that was Miss [REDACTED] AEV .

7 Q. So the name -- when he says [REDACTED] HBX or [REDACTED] HBX really it's  
8 [REDACTED] AEV ?

9 A. It's Miss [REDACTED] AEV .

10 Q. If we read on to the next page:

11 "Answer: And if someone was wet across there, [REDACTED] HBX  
12 -- or Miss [REDACTED] HBX as we called her -- would rub his face  
13 in it over there and Sister [REDACTED] AGI would rub  
14 someone's face in it on this side."

15 Again, just looking to those descriptions, do  
16 they --

17 A. No, absolute rubbish.

18 Q. On the next page, page 15 of what's on the screen, when  
19 the question is asked at line number 5:

20 "Question: Was there any physical chastisement?"

21 This witness goes on to say:

22 "Answer: She would hit him as well. She would slap  
23 him and grab his hair and put his face in the wet bed  
24 and rub it so that his nose was probably sore and all  
25 that."

- 1                   And so on.
- 2       A. No. They would get a shouting or something like that.
- 3                   That's all that would happen. No physical violence
- 4                   whatsoever.
- 5       Q. So you really do, as I understand it, challenge those
- 6                   descriptions I have just made to you --
- 7       A. Most definitely, aye.
- 8       Q. Can I move on a little bit then and ask you about the
- 9                   food at Smyllum. You tell us something about that in
- 10                   your statement. How did you find the food?
- 11       A. The food was fairly good apart from the porridge and
- 12                   chocolate pudding. They tended to be lumpy, and they
- 13                   put sugar in the porridge which I didn't like. That was
- 14                   virtually the only thing I didn't like in the home.
- 15       Q. If you didn't like it, did you have to eat it?
- 16       A. You ate it, yes. You weren't forced to eat it, but
- 17                   it would stay there on the plate until you ate it or
- 18                   else you could actually pass it over to someone else
- 19                   that liked that kind of thing. There was boys that
- 20                   liked the porridge and vice versa.
- 21                   Other times at meals they wouldn't like a certain
- 22                   meal, so it'd be passed under the table. Obviously
- 23                   we're looking at the sister or the staff in charge, but
- 24                   virtually everything was eaten.
- 25       Q. I think you tell us that if the food -- let's take the

1           porridge. If you didn't like the porridge you would try  
2           and pass it under the table to someone who would eat the  
3           porridge?

4       A. Aye. There's only one or two that liked the porridge.

5           So maybe about half a dozen or more of us wanted to get  
6           rid of it that way, but we didn't do it, we just ate it.

7       Q. Why were you trying to get rid of it?

8       A. We didn't like it. It was terrible.

9       Q. If you weren't able to eat it, would anything happen to  
10          you?

11      A. No, no. Well, they'd just keep you there until you ate  
12          it, but generally you'd eat it anyway because you're not  
13          going to be missing out on running about, playing in the  
14          yard. You would just eat it.

15      LADY SMITH: You'd have to stay in the refectory until you  
16          ate it?

17      A. Yes. But that very, very seldom happened. Very seldom.

18      LADY SMITH: Would the food appear at the next meal if you  
19          hadn't eaten it?

20      A. No, never.

21      MR MacAULAY: Again, if you have been looking at  
22          transcripts, you'll have seen there have been  
23          suggestions that if a child didn't eat food then the  
24          food could be force-fed on that child.

25      A. No, never saw anything like that.

1 Q. You never saw anything like that?

2 A. No.

3 Q. When you were having your meals, would there be  
4 supervision by a nun or nuns?

5 A. Yes. The sister or else the member of staff, there'd be  
6 two there.

7 Q. Just to understand mealtimes, did the position change  
8 in relation to mealtimes over your period at Smyllum?  
9 By that I mean was the dining room the same throughout  
10 your period or --

11 A. No. Sacred Heart had a separate dining room -- on the  
12 photo you showed me, that was next door to the  
13 dormitory, so we went in there and had our meal in  
14 there, and if you get the photograph up again --

15 Q. I can do.

16 A. -- I'll show you where the other meals were taken.

17 Q. That's DSV.001.001.4661.

18 You have told us about Sacred Heart.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The dining room is in that part of the building  
21 (indicates)?

22 A. Yes, at the top, there were two -- there was the  
23 assembly hall we had at the bottom, the television room  
24 was down that area, and the Sacred Heart was up the top,  
25 then we had a play area there as well where you could

1 get the food. Then in the square -- I've not got  
2 a yellow thing --

3 Q. Is that the square in which --

4 A. You can see the sun. That's actually facing north.

5 At the bottom there, right along the bottom row of  
6 windows there there's a --

7 LADY SMITH: Sorry, where is facing north, just to help me?

8 A. That was generally north. As the picture goes -- if you  
9 understand -- the top of the picture, sorry.

10 LADY SMITH: The top of the picture is facing north?

11 A. Sorry?

12 LADY SMITH: The very front of the building would be  
13 a south/south-west elevation, something like that?

14 A. I think it was south/south-west. South I always thought  
15 it was.

16 LADY SMITH: This was a building built in the 18th century  
17 and it probably was built so as to maximise the light  
18 coming in on the front of the building. Yes, I can see  
19 that. Thank you.

20 MR MacAULAY: I wonder, Rondo, if I could ask you to stand  
21 up, turn round, and look at the big photograph behind  
22 you so you can point out what you're talking about.

23 A. Right. This here (indicates). That was the dining room  
24 for St Anthony's. That was the dining room for --

25 Q. You're pointing to the building to the right of

- 1 Sacred Heart and the lower part of that building?
- 2 A. Yes. That's Sacred Heart at the top and down below, the  
3 dining room here and a dining room here (indicates).  
4 St Anthony's here, St Vincent's in there (indicates).
- 5 Q. So to the left of St Anthony's and to the right of  
6 St Vincent's?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Were these separate dining rooms?
- 9 A. Yes. I think there was a partition between them. You  
10 could actually move through one to the other.
- 11 Q. As you've indicated, the Sacred Heart dormitory was  
12 in that part of the building where you've pointed out to  
13 the left of where you've just been?
- 14 A. That's the Sacred Heart up here (indicates).
- 15 Q. To what extent were these dormitories self-contained  
16 units once they had been created into the three  
17 sections?
- 18 A. What do you mean, sorry?
- 19 Q. You have told us, for example, that you had separate  
20 dining rooms.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do I take it these dining rooms then would be devoted to  
23 the children in Sacred Heart and not any children from  
24 any other part of the --
- 25 A. No, that's just the Sacred Heart only up there. This

1 section here is Sacred Heart (indicates).

2 Q. Thank you. That's helpful.

3 Perhaps what I should have confirmed with you  
4 earlier is in relation to the numbers of children in  
5 each of these sections. Let's take Sacred Heart. What  
6 do you reckon there?

7 A. Roughly 30 in each one of them. Definitely round about  
8 that. Between 28 and 30 in each one of them.

9 Q. And were these dormitories in a traditional sense? Were  
10 all the children in the same dormitory in beds running  
11 up and down the side?

12 A. Correct. 15 on either side or 14 on either side.

13 Q. Okay. Again, you provide us with more information about  
14 the food. Leaving aside the porridge in particular, you  
15 were happy with the food that you had there?

16 A. It was okay. It was fine. It was excellent.

17 Q. Schooling. How did you find schooling?

18 A. Really good.

19 Q. We have heard that it was an in-house school, the  
20 primary.

21 A. Aye, the primary was inside Smyllum Park itself.

22 Q. And the secondary was not far away?

23 A. It was only maybe 200 yards away, if it was that.

24 Q. Looking at the leisure time you had at Smyllum over the  
25 period you were there, how would you summarise that?

1 A. Loads of time. Loads. We were super fit. Absolutely  
2 super fit. I've actually got photographs here which  
3 I want to present to Lady Smith, just to have a wee look  
4 at, to see ...

5 LADY SMITH: I gather you've brought photographs today.

6 A. Is that possible?

7 LADY SMITH: Absolutely. You just have one set of them with  
8 you?

9 A. You'll see the condition we were in.

10 LADY SMITH: Would it be all right if we kept these, scanned  
11 them into our system --

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: -- so they go with the record of your evidence  
14 and then you can get them back after that?

15 A. There's another one I couldn't bring with me; it was all  
16 professionally done in glass. I gave the picture  
17 that -- the aerial photograph of Smyllum and also the  
18 Smyllum brass band, which was in black and white at the  
19 time. I've actually got another one with the Smyllum  
20 brass band which was in colour, but they were two  
21 separate occasions. I couldn't bring that one, it was  
22 too big to bring. I'd like you to have seen it.

23 LADY SMITH: Yes, please.

24 A. Do you want these over?

25 LADY SMITH: Don't worry, somebody will bring them.

1 (Handed)

2 What I'm going to do, Rondo, is I'm going to have  
3 a brief look at them just now -- we can look at them in  
4 more detail later -- and then I'm going to let  
5 Mr MacAulay have them in case there are any questions he  
6 wants to ask you about the particular photographs, so  
7 just give me a moment. (Pause)

8 A. That coloured one is the frontage of the Smyllum Park --

9 LADY SMITH: I've got that, thank you. So there is the  
10 coloured one with the children with their brass band  
11 instruments.

12 A. Yes.

13 LADY SMITH: And then some black and white ones, smaller  
14 ones.

15 A. That would be BAC taking the photograph.

16 LADY SMITH: I see, thank you. (Pause)

17 Let Mr MacAulay have these. (Handed). If you can't  
18 see clearly enough from where you are, which photograph  
19 he's referring to, don't worry, I can get them brought  
20 across to you and we can pass them back and forth to  
21 make sure we're talking about the right one.

22 Mr MacAulay.

23 MR MacAULAY: The one I want to focus on at the moment,  
24 because I think I can make out that it is the brass band  
25 in the photograph -- and I'll just hold it up. It is

- 1           this coloured photograph?
- 2       A.   That's correct.
- 3       Q.   That's the one that is showing us the brass band dressed
- 4           up?
- 5       A.   Yes, on the front of the steps of the main building.
- 6       Q.   And we can see there are two of the sisters, one to the
- 7           right --
- 8       A.   Sister **AGI** on the left, Sister **EAD** on the
- 9           right.
- 10      Q.   Was this for a particular occasion?
- 11      A.   Yes.  I believe we were going to the Lanimer
- 12           procession -- there was a kind of float thing they have
- 13           at the beginning of June every year.  We did that twice.
- 14           We marched in the Lanimer procession two years in a row:
- 15           1962, which that picture was taken in, and the other one
- 16           I have is 1963.
- 17      Q.   That perhaps brings me conveniently to ask about the
- 18           brass band.  You have already mentioned Mr **BAC** and
- 19           he ran the brass band.
- 20      A.   Yes.
- 21      Q.   He also ran some other activities.
- 22      A.   He ran the football, badminton, boxing -- not table
- 23           tennis, we just played that ourselves.  Thinking of the
- 24           other things he had -- he taught us cards, card games, a
- 25           lot of games he taught -- he also taught the mouth organ

1 to boys and did drama because he loved all that kind of  
2 stuff. He used to be in the Lanark Borough Band himself  
3 when he was younger -- you've probably got records of  
4 them when he was younger -- and also he did the  
5 pantomimes in Lanark as well which we went to see once  
6 or twice. He would dress up as a dame or something like  
7 that. So he was well into drama and sports.

8 Q. You mentioned football. Were you a footballer?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Were you in the football team?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Coming back to the brass band then, we have had evidence  
13 in this inquiry, not just about Mr **BAC** and what  
14 he was like, but also in connection with his involvement  
15 with the brass band. I think you know who this is who  
16 I'm about to put to you. I'm going to put some evidence  
17 to you again. This is Day 28. I want to look at 2230.  
18 If we look at page 162 in this version and move down to  
19 line number 14, the question is:

20 "Question: You mention in your statement some  
21 involvement with **BAC**, who you have already  
22 mentioned. You were in the brass band; is that right?

23 "Answer: That is right.

24 "Question: That meant that you had band practice on  
25 a regular basis?

1           "Answer: We went to band practice Monday, Tuesday,  
2           Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, every week."

3           A. No, not Friday. I think that's in my original  
4           statement.

5           Q. I'll just finish reading this and you can provide me  
6           with your comments:

7           "Answer: Immediately after supper or the evening  
8           meal. You automatically just went to band practice."

9           "Question: Was that in a particular room at  
10          Smyllum?

11          "Answer: Yes.

12          A. Yes. It was actually two rooms, two different rooms.

13          Q. Did you see these on the photograph?

14          A. Yes. In the aerial photograph you can see that, yes.

15          Q. As we're trying to build up a picture, we can perhaps  
16          just look at that again at this point.

17          DSV.001.001.4661.

18          A. Here, we had a full-sized snooker table in there and in  
19          this part here (indicates) we practised the band.

20          Q. It's to the left --

21          A. The top left.

22          Q. To the left of St Anthony's dormitory?

23          A. Yes.

24          Q. Perhaps if I can move on to another photograph; it's at  
25          4662. Have we identified correctly then with the yellow

1 marker where the band practice room was?

2 A. That's correct, that is right in there.

3 Q. You mentioned there was another place as well.

4 Is that --

5 A. Yes. Up here (indicates).

6 Q. You're pointing really to --

7 A. It says "St Vincent's" and you would go through a

8 corridor there -- I can't remember how it went -- and

9 you were into the room, quite a big room, for the band

10 practice there --

11 LADY SMITH: Are you pointing at the upstairs of the

12 building on the right?

13 A. Sorry, it is St Vincent's dormitory at the top, then

14 straight through there, that was the band -- we were two

15 years in this one and we spent two years in this one

16 at the top.

17 MR MacAULAY: This one being -- the first one being the one

18 next to St Anthony's dormitory and the second one being

19 the one within the building, that's St Vincent's?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Thank you for that.

22 I want then to go back to the transcript. We had

23 been at page 162 or 2230. It's the same day, that was

24 Day 28 --

25 LADY SMITH: So it was two years you were in the low

1 building over on the left?

2 A. Yes.

3 LADY SMITH: Was that your first two years in the band or  
4 your second two years?

5 A. The first two years, between 1960 and 1962.

6 LADY SMITH: Right.

7 A. 1960, 1961, that was the two years.

8 LADY SMITH: I see.

9 A. Then 1962, 1963 was the second two years.

10 LADY SMITH: So the whole band --

11 A. Roughly.

12 LADY SMITH: -- initially practised in the low-level  
13 building?

14 A. Yes.

15 LADY SMITH: And then the whole band practised in the  
16 building that was partly St Vincent's?

17 A. I don't know why we were moved there -- I don't know if  
18 it would be maybe break-ins or something like that,  
19 because across the fields, maybe about 200 to 300 yards,  
20 were the Lanark houses. But generally we didn't get  
21 break-ins but I don't know if that's what happened.

22 LADY SMITH: Thank you.

23 MR MacAULAY: We have got 162 back on the screen. If we  
24 turn now to the next page, 163, this witness is talking  
25 about the band. The question that's put to him at the

1 very top, if you look at that:

2 "Question: What you say in your statement at  
3 paragraph 154 is that: 'I probably saw more cruelty  
4 in that room than anywhere else in Smyllum.'"

5 And I'll just read on before I ask for your  
6 comments. If you read down at lines 15, 16 and beyond,  
7 can you see this witness is giving an explanation of  
8 Mr **BAC** using the drumstick and hitting the children  
9 on the ear with the drumstick? Do you see that? That's  
10 what he says.

11 A. I already know that, I've read that.

12 Q. And then he goes on to say at line number 23:

13 "Answer: But when he was in a worse mood he would  
14 walk behind and he would listen to the notes you were  
15 playing and then his full hand or fist would come along,  
16 usually from that side --"

17 He indicates the right said:

18 "Answer: -- and it knocked you down in amongst the  
19 other trombone players."

20 He also talks about having his lip split by  
21 Mr **BAC**. I understand that you have read that  
22 material.

23 A. Yes, I have.

24 Q. What's your response to that?

25 A. My response to that he has young people there and he's

1 teaching the instruments and is he going to do that,  
2 hammer people, and he's going to damage people's -- if  
3 they fall down and hit their lip or something which they  
4 require to play an instrument? That's why I say that  
5 and that's to defend that. He's talking absolute  
6 nonsense. What he did do -- and there's only ...  
7 occasionally, once in a wee while, if a boy couldn't  
8 pick it up quick, he'd -- what do you call it?

9 LADY SMITH: His baton?

10 A. A conductor's baton, and he'd go to the boy behind him  
11 to tell him how to get the music, he'd tap him lightly  
12 on the head to get the speed of the music properly --  
13 maybe he was too slow. **BAC** had a keen ear for all  
14 the parts of the music, he was an expert at that. If he  
15 would hear even one person not being up to speed, he'd  
16 come round and tap to give the speed. That's all he  
17 ever did. Nothing else. That only happened on  
18 occasion.

19 MR MacAULAY: So this evidence about being struck on the  
20 ear --

21 A. Never touched him. I put it to youse as well: what's he  
22 going to do that for? He's going to damage the boys.  
23 If they fall down, they're going to hurt themselves,  
24 maybe on the lip, and he's not got that person to play.  
25 If he did that to everybody, there'd be no band left.

1 Q. To take it shortly, if there has been evidence -- and  
2 I know you've been looking at the transcripts, Rondo --  
3 to suggest that Mr [REDACTED] BAC was a violent man, you would  
4 completely disagree with that --

5 A. Absolutely.

6 Q. -- characterisation?

7 A. Absolutely.

8 Q. What you tell us in your statement is that, as you put  
9 it in paragraph 46:

10 "We all loved [REDACTED] BAC ."

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I think as I put to a previous witness, although he's  
13 described at least by some as a [REDACTED], he was much  
14 more than that from what you've told us; he did a lot of  
15 work with the children who were there.

16 A. He was a [REDACTED]. What he did [REDACTED] -- as  
17 far as I know, he could maintain the, what do you call  
18 it, the [REDACTED] work and he could maintain -- he was  
19 good at fixing [REDACTED]. Generally, that  
20 and [REDACTED], he did all that kind of  
21 thing -- and he also perhaps did [REDACTED]. He was a [REDACTED]  
22 by trade so he did all that kind of thing.

23 Q. You tell us a little bit about having to do chores at  
24 Smyllum.

25 A. Sorry?

1 Q. You mention doing chores in your statement.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And what sort of chores did you require to do? If you  
4 look at your whole period, seven-year period.

5 A. I would say generally when I go the to the age of 10,  
6 before that I wasn't required to do anything, but when I  
7 got to the age of 10 I got put in charge of the  
8 washbasins in the washroom for the boys that age, which  
9 I quite happily -- I enjoyed to do. That didn't take  
10 you long, maybe 10, 15 minutes. That was just maybe  
11 done every morning maybe, just tidy up generally after  
12 the boys had all been in and out, make sure everything  
13 was put in place, the toothbrushes put in a certain  
14 place, et cetera.

15 Also, I was asked to do the entrance to the church.  
16 It was red tiles that was on the floor and they put on  
17 red stuff on the floor with a big blocker, and you had  
18 a rag underneath it, and you would put the -- you had  
19 two rags altogether, one to put the stuff on, you'd take  
20 that one away and put the other rag on to shine it up.  
21 I was in charge of -- the cloakroom, it was. I was in  
22 charge of that.

23 Q. Did you at any time find the chores that you had to do  
24 burdensome?

25 A. No. That was on the Saturday morning. That wasn't done

1           during the week. That was done on Saturday morning,  
2           before Sunday, obviously, when everybody goes to Mass,  
3           it was passed through that way.

4       Q. Can I ask you a little bit about washing and bathing and  
5           that aspect of life? Did you have bath nights?

6       A. A Monday, a Wednesday and a Saturday morning they would  
7           shower. They were called bath nights but there were ten  
8           showers there. On the other side you had three baths,  
9           then -- it was actually -- where you stripped down to go  
10          into the showers, there was another wee section beside  
11          it. The baths were rarely ever used.

12      Q. Are you talking about a particular dormitory here?

13      A. No. If you want to, I'll point on the screen again.

14      Q. That would be helpful. If we look at DSV.001.001.4661.  
15          We're now looking at the picture that identifies various  
16          locations. Can you help with that?

17      A. This wee building at the very top, where the eating  
18          rooms were, the dining rooms. This was actually a kind  
19          of place for children that weren't well. This is  
20          a general place. But over here -- I'm going to come  
21          back to that. That was the isolation house -- and if  
22          they had a really bad time then they went in there, but  
23          I never actually saw anyone ever going in there --

24      LADY SMITH: Hang on a minute, Rondo, I think Mr MacAulay  
25          wants to ask you something while you're there.

1 MR MacAULAY: The thing is we need to get this for the  
2 notes.  
3 A. Sorry.  
4 LADY SMITH: Be patient with us. Remember, you were there  
5 and we weren't; it's important we get this clear.  
6 MR MacAULAY: The second building you pointed to, the one on  
7 the top right, standing on its own, you say that was an  
8 isolation unit of some kind?  
9 A. Isolation unit.  
10 Q. Was that in operation when you were there?  
11 A. I never actually saw anybody going in there.  
12 Q. But before that, I think you had taken us to the  
13 building that's to the right of what we now know to be  
14 Sacred Heart --  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. -- where you pointed to earlier, at least to some  
17 extent, housing the band practice room; is that right?  
18 A. Sacred Heart, sorry? You're talking about up here?  
19 This is the band room up here, yes (indicates).  
20 Q. Sorry. The other building, I think you pointed to when  
21 I'm asking about showers and so on, is that building --  
22 A. Yes, right here (indicates).  
23 Q. Next to the right of Sacred Heart, yes. At the top?  
24 A. Yes, just behind -- that's what I'm trying to explain to  
25 you. It's behind -- the top part of this building here,

1           it's a separate bit behind -- you can't see it too  
2           clearly.

3       Q.   We can see there is another structure just behind that  
4           particular --

5       A.   That was quite a big structure.

6       LADY SMITH:  It looks as though -- you probably were never  
7           on it -- an M-shaped roof.  There's a valley right down  
8           the middle of the roof, so two apexes.

9       A.   I climbed it plenty of times.

10      LADY SMITH:  Oh, you did?

11      A.   I was very active.  That's what I got punishment for.

12      LADY SMITH:  So it's like two buildings built together with  
13           two normal pitched roofs?

14      A.   Yes.  In between the two, there's maybe a 4-foot gap  
15           between the two buildings.

16      LADY SMITH:  Right, okay.

17      MR MacAULAY:  Are you pointing to that building then  
18           you have just identified as to where the showers were?

19      A.   That's where the showers were, in here.

20      Q.   So if you were in Sacred Heart, how would you get to the  
21           showers?

22      A.   You'd just walk up to them.  There's a wee -- there's  
23           a small flight of stairs running away up to the top  
24           here.  That would take you up to the school as well.  It  
25           is between the buildings; you can't see it in the

- 1 shadow.
- 2 Q. In any event that's where you say the showers were for  
3 the boys?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And that would cover all the boys?
- 6 A. All the boys, yes. They wouldn't all go in at the same  
7 time, just the separate dormitories.
- 8 Q. Thank you. I think you tell us that you only had a bath  
9 once at Smyllum.
- 10 A. A what?
- 11 Q. You only had a bath once.
- 12 A. Yes. I had some sort of spots all over my body and that  
13 was the one and only time I ever used the bath.
- 14 Q. Otherwise it was a shower you would have?
- 15 A. A shower all the time.
- 16 Q. So far as the water was concerned, can you tell me about  
17 that?
- 18 A. It was always warm. It was always warm. There was  
19 a channel running in between the shower and the wall,  
20 and generally what that was used for -- the boys had  
21 short trousers on at the time and generally -- obviously  
22 their legs would be dirtier than normal, so they would  
23 clean their -- stand and that, wash themselves down  
24 thoroughly, and then come back up and use the shower.
- 25 Q. One thing you do tell us is after you had washed you

1           would line up --

2       A.   Yes he.

3       Q.   -- and you'd be checked --

4       A.   Yes.

5       Q.   -- to see if you were clean.

6       A.   Yes.

7       Q.   Who would do the checking?

8       A.   Either the sister or else one of the staff that was

9           there.

10      Q.   So if you were in, for example, Sacred Heart, then

11           it would be the sister in charge of Sacred Heart?

12      A.   Yes, it was always whoever was in charge, yes.

13      Q.   If you weren't clean enough for --

14      A.   They'd send you back in.  There was no physical --

15           nothing physical.  Maybe a shouting or so, but nothing

16           physical.

17      LADY SMITH:  Just going back to the reason that you didn't

18           have baths, you said you had spots of some sort --

19      A.   Yes.

20      LADY SMITH:  Do you know what they were?

21      A.   I don't know what they were.

22      LADY SMITH:  Did you have them a long time?

23      A.   No.  It was just that week only.

24      LADY SMITH:  Ah, right.

25      A.   No, I generally was clear, but that particular week

1 I was kept away from the other boys.

2 LADY SMITH: So there was a week that you didn't go for  
3 a bath, otherwise did you go for baths?

4 A. No. Never.

5 LADY SMITH: Why not?

6 A. We used the showers.

7 LADY SMITH: I see. Thanks.

8 A. They were never used.

9 LADY SMITH: Sorry, what were never used?

10 A. The baths.

11 MR MacAULAY: There has been some suggestion that if you wet  
12 the bed, you might have gone for a cold bath, but  
13 I think -- perhaps you have confirmed this already --  
14 that wasn't your experience.

15 A. No, I never saw anything like that.

16 Q. Can I ask you a bit about holidays then and trips that  
17 you had? You had holidays throughout your period?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were there particular parts of the country you'd be  
20 taken to?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Were these enjoyable trips?

23 A. Very enjoyable, very.

24 Q. On these trips would Mr **BAC** generally go with you?

25 A. He would always go with us.

- 1 Q. And he'd be there for the whole period of time?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What sort of periods of time are you talking about?
- 4 A. Two weeks.
- 5 Q. You do tell us a little bit about a game that was played  
6 that involved a golf club and golf balls.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And, in particular, an incident that involved a boy by  
9 the name of Francis McColl. Were you there when that  
10 happened?
- 11 A. I wasn't there physically at the spot but I was in the  
12 wooden hut not so far away.
- 13 Q. Can I ask you, first of all, where was this when this  
14 happened?
- 15 A. Well, I can't really say which one. It might have been  
16 Aberfoyle, it might have been Meigle, it might have been  
17 Middleton camp, and it might have been West Linton.  
18 Which one I don't -- I think it may have been actually  
19 Aberfoyle. I'm not sure -- I don't know which one.
- 20 Q. But it was one of the places you went to away from  
21 Smyllum?
- 22 A. Oh yes, aye.
- 23 Q. What was the game that was being played?
- 24 A. It wasn't actually a game, it was just teeing off only  
25 and whoever collected the ball when it was teed off,

1 they would get the next shot. Nothing else involved.  
2 They would run down, and if they got the ball, see, they  
3 could get a shot of the -- with the club then after  
4 that.

5 [REDACTED] BAC was always there and always told the  
6 boys to always look round, he always -- even in Smyllum,  
7 when we had it on the field in Smyllum. Sometimes he  
8 would do it there and check the ball off and always tell  
9 everybody, look behind you, check. Francis McColl had  
10 a deaf -- was a wee bit hard of hearing and he had this  
11 nickname, cokey lugs, and he was a wee bit slow up  
12 in the mind a wee bit, not much.

13 Apparently the boys all ran into the hut and said,  
14 Francis McColl's been hit with a golf club, and it was  
15 the boy, [REDACTED], the boy from Dundee, he'd hit the boy  
16 in the head, but there was an -- and they were all  
17 saying it was an accident. I never saw it myself.

18 Q. At that time do I take it from what you said that this  
19 was being supervised by Mr [REDACTED] BAC ?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You never saw it, but did you see Francis McColl after  
22 the event?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what was the position at that time?

25 A. I was on the bus, I think that day or the following day.

1           We were just finishing up, it just happened that we  
2           finished with the camp, and I was sitting on the second  
3           seat from the front and Francis was beside the driver,  
4           we were sitting behind the driver. He had a big bandage  
5           on his head and he was licking an ice cream.

6           Q. You said it was that day or the following day?

7           A. I'm not sure. The holiday had come to an end. I'm not  
8           sure.

9           Q. So at that time then, so far as you could see, he seems  
10          to have recovered from any --

11          A. No, I don't think he'd recovered. I think he was  
12          still ... I looked at him and he wasn't looking great.

13          Q. Do you know if he had been to hospital by then?

14          A. I haven't a clue. I don't know if it was the day it  
15          happened or if it was the day after, I'm not sure.

16          Q. But in any event, he had a bandage on his head?

17          A. He had a bandage, a big bandage round his head.

18          Q. And he didn't look too well?

19          A. He didn't look too well, no.

20          Q. I don't think Francis McColl was in the same dormitory  
21          as you --

22          A. He was a couple of years older than me.

23          Q. And I think we know that he died shortly after that.

24          A. Yes. I think about a week after that, yes.

25          Q. Can I ask you about your birthday and to what extent

1           birthdays were celebrated at Smyllum.

2           A. We just celebrated amongst ourselves. There was no  
3           individual birthday for everybody, no. We just said --  
4           we knew our birthday was coming up and the boys would  
5           generally have a carry-on and give you, whatever age  
6           you were, given you ten hits on the back. That was  
7           generally it. You'd have a good laugh and that was it.

8                     You got also presents off your -- my auntie, my real  
9           auntie from Clydebank. We had two auntie pen pals,  
10          I think [REDACTED] put down, from London. They wrote to  
11          me quite regular and sent me presents up on a regular  
12          basis.

13          Q. For your birthday?

14          A. For birthday and Christmastime. I always got Easter  
15          eggs off them and birthday presents and Christmas  
16          presents.

17          Q. What about birthday cake?

18          A. No, nothing like that, no.

19          Q. Just talking about Christmas then, again, to what extent  
20          was Christmas celebrated as an event within Smyllum?

21          A. Very well, very well. Sister [REDACTED] EAD was in charge of  
22          all the decorating and that was really, really good, and  
23          also a Christmas tree, which she done really good. She  
24          was really good at the organising side of things,  
25          Sister [REDACTED] EAD . We also had a good Christmas meal,

1 obviously it was better than normal, and we went to  
2 church that day, a nice big crib sitting in the church,  
3 a life-size one -- it was actually about the same size  
4 as us at that time -- and I think [REDACTED] BAC took  
5 to that side of things, you know, set the whole thing  
6 up.

7 Q. And the church you're talking about is the chapel --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- at Smyllum itself?

10 A. At Smyllum, yes.

11 Q. What you tell us in your statement is that

12 [REDACTED] BAC would also dress up as Santa Claus.

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Was there some sort of performance or --

15 A. No, no, he would just hand out the presents. We knew it  
16 was him. When we got older we knew it was him, but  
17 we were all excited because the presents were coming.

18 Q. So you were given presents?

19 A. We were given presents.

20 Q. And did you keep the presents?

21 A. We kept the presents. Sister [REDACTED] AGI -- when we got  
22 to the age of between 10 and 12, Sister [REDACTED] AGI asked  
23 me to give one to somebody that didn't have any and she  
24 asked me not to open it. That way I would choose  
25 something, whichever I wanted, so I did that, I was

1 happy to do that. So there were three parcels or four  
2 parcels for me and the boy would just pick one. I'd let  
3 him have it because I knew he didn't have anything.

4 I got, on a regular basis, presents.

5 Q. I think when you were admitted to Smyllum, am I right in  
6 thinking, you went there with a brother and a sister?

7 A. A brother only.

8 Q. He was an older brother?

9 A. He was nearly 13.

10 Q. And do I take it then that by the time you were, let's  
11 say, in St Vincent's, he had left?

12 A. He had left -- I think he was only there a year or so  
13 and that was it.

14 Q. Did you have much contact with him during your time  
15 there?

16 A. No. I think the age gap -- I quickly got into a routine  
17 at Smyllum and started playing with other boys.

18 Q. From what you said, you were in a separate section, you  
19 were in Sacred Heart when you went there and he would  
20 have been in St Vincent's?

21 A. No, he was in St Anthony's for that particular year  
22 until we all got split up with the age groups then.

23 Q. You have mentioned that.

24 A. He was in St Anthony's.

25 Q. You also mention that you had some visits from family

1 members when you were at Smyllum.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Who came to visit you?

4 A. Not very often, probably one visit a year. The ones  
5 I can remember -- in 1958 my sister came up. That was  
6 the oldest one, [REDACTED]. My father came up, but he was  
7 drunk that particular time. And I think, I'm not sure,  
8 but I think he brought [REDACTED] up, his daughter, and  
9 she was 5 and she was giving -- this is in 1958. She  
10 was giving a demonstration of Irish dancing. She was  
11 very good at it. She was at Nazareth House and she gave  
12 a demonstration.

13 After that, 1960, I remember there was a visit --  
14 I tell a lie, 1959. I was out for a week only to my  
15 grandparents. I had stayed there for a week in 1959.  
16 In 1960, my grandparents came up for one day only along  
17 with my Aunty [REDACTED]. We walked about the grounds of  
18 Smyllum, it was a nice day that day, and I got  
19 overexcited and I did the toilet in my pants.

20 Q. I think you tell us about that.

21 A. Aye, that was just an unfortunate thing, but I was so  
22 excited seeing somebody.

23 Q. What about a social worker or a welfare officer? Did  
24 you have any visits?

25 A. No. This is just one occasion that happened, I think.

1           That was just before we were leaving. I think they were  
2           trying to adopt everybody at that particular point, 1963  
3           or 1962, I can't remember. 1963. And they asked me  
4           personally if I wanted to go to Aberdeen to be adopted  
5           and I said no.

6           Q. What you tell us in your statement at paragraph 82,  
7           which is on the screen, is:

8                     "The only visit I remember from the social work or  
9                     similar was nearer the time when I left."

10                    Is that correct?

11           A. Yes, that'd be that time.

12           Q. "I was asked if I wanted to go into foster care in  
13           Aberdeen and [you] said no."

14           A. I said no.

15           Q. Was that close to the time when you'd be leaving in any  
16           event?

17           A. I had just over a year left to go. I'd just turned 14  
18           when I left, so probably another year. You were  
19           generally 15 when you left.

20           MR MacAULAY: My Lady, it's 1 o'clock. I'm not finished  
21           leading Rondo's evidence as yet, so hopefully he can  
22           manage to come back for the afternoon.

23           LADY SMITH: Rondo, we normally have a break at this point  
24           and will start again at 2 o'clock if that is convenient  
25           for you.

1 A. Thank you.

2 LADY SMITH: We'll do that.

3 (12.58 pm)

4 (The lunch adjournment)

5 (2.00 pm)

6 MR MacAULAY: Good afternoon, Rondo. Before we go on any

7 further with the evidence, there are two photographs

8 that I think you'd like to draw attention to.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. One is one that shows either an infamous or famous

11 football player, a man by the name of Frank Haffey;

12 is that correct?

13 A. Yes, he visited the home, I've got that photograph here,

14 and I believe that photograph was the year he let in

15 nine goals in at Wembley.

16 Q. Was it before or after?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. In any event, do I take it from that that what we might

19 call nowadays -- people who might be described as

20 celebrities, perhaps not in those days, would visit?

21 A. Yes. Occasionally they would visit, yes.

22 Q. That's one of --

23 A. I thought that because maybe you have looked at this

24 photograph, you wouldn't recognise -- maybe yourself

25 would recognise him, but maybe the younger ones wouldn't

1 recognise him. I'm not trying to be thingummy a wee  
2 bit.

3 Q. Thank you for that. And the other photographs you would  
4 like to draw attention to.

5 A. This particular one, that's Sister [REDACTED] AGI  
6 (indicates). This is at the camp, handing out the  
7 purses with the money in them.

8 Q. What's the money for?

9 A. That was the pocket money that was saved up during the  
10 year: everybody got £2 and 10 shillings. There was a  
11 shilling saved every week by Sister [REDACTED] AGI or  
12 Sister [REDACTED] EAD .

13 Q. Do I take it then that that would allow you to have that  
14 money to spend --

15 A. Yes, to spend in the camp, which was a lot of money to  
16 us then. Very much.

17 Q. Thank you. Again, I think you're aware these  
18 photographs have now been scanned into our system and  
19 you'll be able to take them away with you when you leave  
20 today.

21 Can I then go back to your statement, Rondo, and  
22 take you to that section where you make some response to  
23 certain allegations of abuse.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. That's at paragraph 89, if we can have that for you on

1 the screen. What you say at paragraph 89 is:

2 "While [you] were at Smyllum, [you] never heard of  
3 or saw any abuse by the sisters or staff against any of  
4 the boys."

5 A. The only abuse -- it's not abuse. Corporal punishment  
6 was issued, but the other abuse mentioned, definitely  
7 not.

8 Q. We've already talked about bed-wetting and you did see  
9 some things.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. I don't know, you may not categorise those, what you  
12 saw, as abuse or not, but there was a practice in  
13 connection with bed-wetting.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. But in relation to corporal punishment, there was  
16 corporal punishment, I think you tell us.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you help me with that? What did it consist of?

19 A. It was the strap, just like you would get in a normal  
20 school outside the home. When I went out to  
21 St Gregory's in Carntyne after I left the school and  
22 also, St Mary's of course, and just the exact same  
23 corporal punishment, the belt.

24 Q. If someone misbehaved?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. You have told us already, Rondo, about the involvement  
2 that [REDACTED] had with the boys.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is it with boys only that he's involved with?

5 A. Nothing else but the boys.

6 Q. Did boys misbehave in his presence or not?

7 A. Well, he was hardly ever about apart from taking band  
8 practice and the football. Generally he was working;  
9 he was never about to actually look after the boys.  
10 That wasn't his job.

11 Q. Okay. But then in relation to doing something wrong,  
12 you tell us that you'd get the strap.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You tell us that the sisters carried the strap with  
15 them.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How many sisters had a strap?

18 A. I think they all had straps.

19 Q. When they carried them, where were they carried?

20 A. Up their sleeves.

21 Q. What you tell us is that if something was done wrong  
22 then it would be dealt with there and then.

23 A. There and then. If there was a wee fight amongst the  
24 boys, they would try to break it up, get the boys to  
25 shake hands, et cetera. But if it carried on and nobody

1 wanted to stop, then she'd bring the strap out.

2 Q. And what would happen then?

3 A. You'd get the strap.

4 Q. When you say "get the strap", what do you mean by that?

5 A. Maybe one or two of the strap.

6 Q. Where would it be?

7 A. Always on the hand, always.

8 Q. Never on any other part --

9 A. Never on any other part of the body. If they got six of

10 the strap, they were really, really bad, but that rarely

11 happened.

12 Q. If we look at the sisters that you had dealings with:

13 Sister **EAD**, did she give out the strap?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Sister **AGI**?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What about Sister **EAC**?

18 A. Yes, she would give it out. I didn't have her for much,

19 it was Sister Mary in Sacred Heart for the first two

20 years, but maybe a few months or so before I went to

21 St Anthony's. She probably did have the strap as well.

22 Q. Are there any other sisters you can now remember?

23 A. Sister **EAA**, she was the headteacher. Probably the

24 five years I was there in the primary school I would get

25 the strap maybe twice, once off her and maybe once or

- 1           twice off the schoolteachers.
- 2       Q.   When the units were divided up, when --
- 3       A.   The partitions, are you talking about the school?
- 4       Q.   That was a bad question.  When St Anthony's was divided
- 5           up into Sacred Heart, St Anthony's and St Vincent's, was
- 6           there a sister who was in overall charge?
- 7       A.   No, not that I know of, no.  They were just in charge of
- 8           their own dormitories.
- 9       Q.   What about Sister **EAD**?  There may have been
- 10           a suggestion that she had some overarching charge.
- 11      A.   She was more the organiser, but she was generally just
- 12           in charge of her own dormitory.  She'd never use the
- 13           strap or anything like that.  She'd never go to another
- 14           dormitory and use the strap on them.
- 15      Q.   Sorry, there wouldn't be -- would there be any
- 16           arrangement whereby a particular sister would send you
- 17           to Sister **EAD** for the strap?
- 18      A.   No, but the only time that would happen -- I'll rephrase
- 19           that.  If she was on guard -- we called it "on guard" --
- 20           if she was in the playground or the yard we were in,
- 21           maybe she was on, but if it was her dormitory, she would
- 22           use the strap then.
- 23      Q.   I see.
- 24      A.   But it was very rare though, it wasn't often.
- 25      Q.   Can I then again put to you one or two things that have

1           been said in the course of the evidence which you may  
2           have read in any event when you've been looking at the  
3           transcripts.  If I can perhaps look at Day 27 -- it's at  
4           0424, that's the transcript, TRN.001.002.1977.  That  
5           should be page 79.

6           While we're waiting, can I say that this is evidence  
7           that was given by a witness who didn't want to be  
8           anonymous, his name was William Connelly.  Was he  
9           somebody that you knew?

10          A.  No.  I looked, I'm sure he actually crossed my time  
11          period, maybe for a year or so, but I'm not sure --  
12          I didn't know him because I was so young probably.

13          Q.  He did cross your time period, which is why I'm asking  
14          you.

15          A.  That's what I'm saying.  Maybe the early part of my time  
16          in Smyllum from 1957/1958.  I believe he was there then,  
17          I'm sure he was.  I'm just looking at the transcript he  
18          wrote.

19          Q.  Indeed, we've now got page 79 on the screen.  At line  
20          numbers 16 and 17, if we look at that, he's asked about  
21          what sort of treatment he got.  He said:

22                 "Answer:  Getting hit was almost a daily occurrence.  
23                 You didn't have to do anything wrong to get hit.  You  
24                 just got -- it was -- it might sound strange but you  
25                 sort of accepted it.  You accepted it so therefore you

1           tried to work your way round it."

2           That's how he begins this section of his evidence  
3           and I'll just move on and then I'll ask for your  
4           comments.

5           If you turn on to the next page, page 80, he asks  
6           the question:

7           "Answer: Can I mention who it was?"

8           He then pauses:

9           "Answer: I can't say her name."

10          Her Ladyship intervenes and then he says it was  
11          Sister **EAD**. He's asked:

12          "Question: You mention here -- she is mentioned in  
13          your statement. Can you tell us about her?"

14          "Answer: She's a bad woman, bad woman. She used to  
15          hit me with a hairbrush and at first when I got hit with  
16          that hairbrush I must have assumed that she had picked  
17          it up from somewhere, but I realised later on she must  
18          have carried it with her because she used it on me quite  
19          a lot and on other people. So that must have been her,  
20          if you will excuse the expression, weapon of choice."

21          What's your reaction to that evidence?

22          A. I never, ever saw Sister **EAD** hit anybody with --  
23          other than the strap. Never saw her do anything like  
24          that.

25          Q. He goes on to say at line number 16:

1           "Answer: She was -- she always seemed anxious to  
2 get you down onto the floor."

3           He then gives us this description:

4           "Answer: I remember being -- there was this one  
5 time I was actually getting hit and I was actually  
6 getting hit and amazed that she was taking me from the  
7 washroom down to her office and it was a long narrow  
8 corridor and I don't know how, but I ended up on the  
9 floor, she must have pushed me or whatever."

10           What about that description of what was going on?

11           A. That's not Sister **EAD** .

12           Q. That wouldn't fit --

13           A. No.

14           Q. This was also on Day 27, this is another witness, and  
15 it's TRN.001.002.1932.

16           This witness wanted to remain anonymous, but again  
17 looking to the dates, he may have crossed over when you  
18 were there.

19           A. Mm-hm.

20           Q. We're looking at what is page 34 of his evidence.

21           Towards the bottom, line number 23:

22           "Question: You talk about that in your statement.  
23 In particular there you're giving us information about  
24 Sister **AGI** and her staff.

25           "Answer: Yes.

1           "Question: The first thing you tell us is that the  
2 nuns had wooden hairbrushes tucked into their tunics.

3           "Answer: Yes.

4           "Question: What were these hairbrushes for?

5           "Answer: Just for hitting you with.

6           "Question: Why would you be hit? What reasons  
7 would there be for being hit?

8           "Answer: Anything. Anything that displeased them.  
9 Maybe if you were too loud or too noisy in the hall  
10 or -- boys would be hit for the slightest thing.  
11 Anything."

12           If I can pause there. This is another witness  
13 giving evidence about the use of hairbrushes. That  
14 means absolutely nothing to you from what I gather you  
15 have said.

16 A. No, nothing. And if they were making a noise, they  
17 would tell them to calm down, and then if they weren't  
18 calming down after a few warnings works, they would get  
19 the belt.

20 Q. Here I think he's talking about Sister [REDACTED] AGI in  
21 particular and he goes on to tell us about the times  
22 that it was Sister [REDACTED] AGI because she was in charge  
23 of his dormitory.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. He also mentions, if you look at page 36, towards the

1 top of the page at line number 3, that:

2 "Answer: She would actually run after you until she  
3 caught you and grabbed you and then you would be in for  
4 it worse: you would get kicked and punched and slapped  
5 and hit with a brush as well. It's terrible."

6 A. She was the softest woman you ever met, the softest  
7 woman. Sister **EAD**'s more strict than  
8 Sister **AGI**. That's absolute rubbish what he said.  
9 Absolute rubbish.

10 Q. I think from what you're saying, that is invention, that  
11 has been invented?

12 A. Total invention.

13 Q. The last piece of evidence I want to put to you today  
14 then, Rondo, is in connection with Mr **BAC**. This was  
15 on Day 28. TRN.001.002.2097 is where I want to go to.

16 This is a person who was at Smyllum -- it covered  
17 part of your period between 1961 to 1967, so he was  
18 there, but he was younger than you.

19 A. I think I know who you're talking about.

20 Q. Towards the bottom of that page, page 29, he's asked  
21 about **BAC**, and it's put to him:

22 "Question: I think you had some involvement with  
23 **BAC** during your time at Smyllum."

24 And without looking at the detail of this, what he  
25 goes on to talk about and -- I suspect you may have read

1           this -- is about an incident involving a radio. Do you  
2           remember reading that transcript?

3           A. I did, I read that, yes.

4           Q. In particular, he got such a beating from Mr BAC  
5           that he was in the medical section for, he tells us,  
6           a fortnight.

7           A. Have you actually got proof of that or is that what he  
8           says?

9           Q. That's his evidence.

10          A. That's his evidence, but he's just saying that though.

11          Q. From what you said, that would not fit in with your  
12          understanding of Mr BAC ?

13          A. No, BAC would never, ever do that.

14          Q. I'll come back to some comments that you yourself want  
15          to make about other aspects of the evidence because  
16          I think you've provided us with some written  
17          information. I'll come to that shortly.

18          A. I can't see that. It was on the desk here a wee minute  
19          ago. It's all in blue print.

20          Q. We'll find it for you, don't worry. But I want now to  
21          take you to when you left Smyllum. I think we know you  
22          left in █████ 1964.

23          A. Yes.

24          Q. Where did you go after you left Smyllum?

25          A. I went to live with my grandparents in Carntyne on the

1 [REDACTED] road.

2 Q. You give us some information about your life after  
3 Smyllum and you, for example, worked with British Rail  
4 for a while.

5 A. Seven years.

6 Q. And then you went into the fruit shop business?

7 A. Aye, I was running a fruit shop business for about  
8 26 years.

9 Q. Was that in Scotland?

10 A. Oh aye, yes. The first fruit shop was in  
11 [REDACTED] and the second fruit shop was in  
12 [REDACTED]. Ten years in the one in [REDACTED]

13 Q. These were your own businesses?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I think you're now retired.

16 A. I'm retired now. I worked 16 years during -- after  
17 that, I worked doing a kind of convenience shop. I gave  
18 up on the shops because the big stores were more or less  
19 killing everybody round about them, so I gave that up.

20 Q. Then if I can ask you, Rondo, to tell me what you would  
21 say the impact of being in Smyllum has been on your  
22 life?

23 A. Well, I've been looking for my paper to actually give  
24 you that.

25 Q. Okay. Yes. If that's the one. (Handed)

1 A. That's the one, aye.

2 Q. Would you just like to read that out to us?

3 A. Yes, I will:

4 "Along with the fellowship and camaraderie with the  
5 other children in Smyllum, I would like to thank the  
6 Daughters of Charity and the staff who looked after me  
7 for those seven years, 1957 to 1964, at Smyllum  
8 Children's Home and I especially want to express my  
9 appreciation for all the hard work and caring for me in  
10 Smyllum Home.

11 "The schoolteachers, Miss [REDACTED], Miss IAR  
12 Mrs AEW and Mrs AEP, thank you. I would like  
13 to thank Sisters EAC Joseph, FAM, Anthony, Mary  
14 and particularly Sisters EAA, AGI and EAD,  
15 who were the biggest influence on my stay at Smyllum.  
16 Sister EAA was headteacher at Smyllum Park Primary  
17 School and also the organist and choir mistress.  
18 I loved singing in the choir. She was a tremendous  
19 influence on me and I thank her from the bottom of my  
20 heart in giving me direction in life. AGI and  
21 EAD were the best of the best sisters.

22 " Sister EAD along with Sister AGI always  
23 put the boys first and foremost. They organised the  
24 hanging of Christmas decorations and put up the  
25 Christmas trees every year, making sure the boys all

1 enjoyed themselves, and did the same at Easter and on  
2 many other occasions.

3 "I thank all the staff who looked after me in  
4 Smyllum: Miss **AEV**; Miss **IAQ**; **AHP** the  
5 boiler man; **AHZ** the ; Bobby Mortimer, the  
6 orchard man; Bert Forsyth, the farmer, and his dog,  
7 Sandy. We had two black Labradors, Prince and Brandy.  
8 and now I come to **BAC**,  and  at  
9 Smyllum.

10 "I wish **BAC** had been my father. All the  
11 time I was in Smyllum, **BAC** in his spare time  
12 coached the boys in football, a bit of golf, tennis,  
13 cricket, boxing, badminton, drama, pantomimes. He also  
14 taught the boys to play the mouth organ and formed the  
15 Smyllum Boys Band in 1960, which ran for four years.

16 **BAC** wasn't looking for credit or a pat on the back  
17 for all his endeavours. He loved the children of  
18 Smyllum and had great sympathy with them having come  
19 from unfortunate family circumstances to Smyllum.  
20 He was a great storyteller and we loved the stories he  
21 told to the older boys of St Vincent's dormitory in the  
22 gymnasium during the winter months. **BAC** was an avid  
23 fan of sports and when I used to visit him years after  
24 I left Smyllum, he told me he was lucky to have had a  
25 good football team from the boys in the brass band. He



- 1 A. I'll just carry on.
- 2 LADY SMITH: Okay.
- 3 MR MacAULAY: It's clear from what you've said that -- it's  
4 obvious that you've got a very emotional attachment to  
5 your life at Smyllum. That's obviously clear, isn't it,  
6 and particularly [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED]. From what you said  
7 there, you've told us that you saw Mr [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED] after you  
8 left Smyllum. Is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes. I saw [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED] -- I came back in 1967. I didn't do  
10 so well at school -- I was really good at school but  
11 I didn't do my homework, I was more interested in  
12 sports. In 1967, I decided to come back. I got one  
13 Higher and three O Levels, but I was a wee bit  
14 disappointed. I wanted to show them -- and I did well,  
15 you know, when I left, and that didn't happen.
- 16 So from 1967 up to [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED] death in 1983, I used  
17 to maybe once or twice a year come up and visit him.  
18 I enjoyed his company, he was great.
- 19 Q. That was in 1967?
- 20 A. 1967 right through to 1983, once or twice a year after  
21 that.
- 22 Q. I think he died in 1983.
- 23 A. 1983, that's what I mean.
- 24 Q. Did you also see some of the sisters then when you went  
25 back?

1 A. Most of them were all away by that time. I think the  
2 first time I went up I seen Sister [REDACTED] EAC and maybe  
3 Sister [REDACTED] EAA and Sister [REDACTED] AFR but I didn't see  
4 anyone else that I knew.

5 Q. I've put a number of allegations to you, Rondo, because  
6 I felt it was appropriate for you to comment on these.  
7 It's apparent you've been following the proceedings of  
8 the inquiry quite closely. You can see that there have  
9 been allegations made and are you able to explain in any  
10 way why there are those whose perception of life at  
11 Smyllum is clearly quite different from your own?

12 A. Well, all I can put it down to is they think they're  
13 going to get money out of this. I think maybe a few  
14 years earlier, the Friends Reunited actually addressed  
15 that quite a number of years ago, and I called them all  
16 losers, which they are.

17 They're all losers. They are looking for somebody  
18 to blame for their life and they think they're going to  
19 get money here. That's my opinion anyway, nothing else.

20 Q. One of the things you tell us is that, quite a number of  
21 years ago, you did invite Sisters [REDACTED] EAD and [REDACTED] AGI  
22 to your home.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you had some conversation with them about life at  
25 Smyllum?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What was that about?
- 3 A. Yes. Well, I had them up visiting and one of the  
4 subjects come up -- I think Sister **EAD** said to me,  
5 "How did we do?" and I said to her, "It was 25 years  
6 ago, you got 90 per cent of it right". She said,  
7 "What was the other 10 per cent we got wrong?" I said  
8 not preparing us for going out of the home into the big  
9 world. It was night and day, when you went out into the  
10 big world after that.
- 11 Q. One of the things you tell us -- and this is at  
12 paragraph 120 of your statement, and that's on the  
13 screen -- when you had this conversation with them was  
14 that -- and I'll read that to you:
- 15 "The sisters said they couldn't give independent  
16 love to the children as this would lead to the boys and  
17 girls getting picked on. They wanted to touch you and  
18 hold you, but they couldn't as it would cause problems."
- 19 A. That's correct. Because the nickname we give them  
20 if we thought somebody was getting a wee bit of  
21 favouritism, we called them baggy pants. That was the  
22 nickname for somebody we thought was their favourite.  
23 They wouldn't get hit or anything like that, just  
24 verbally. I see by the some of the statements there,  
25 some of them are claiming that the nuns actually did

1 things to them. Can you imagine if that was going on,  
2 they're saying -- there are a lot of statements saying  
3 they were uncaring and all that. They weren't. If you  
4 can understand what I'm trying to say with the actual --  
5 if they were to -- there might be accusations that come  
6 if they did touch the children on a regular basis.  
7 There'd be so many claims, "I'll get 'em like that, I'll  
8 get 'em like that, because they're touching everybody  
9 up".

10 To my reading, that's what Sister AGI said to  
11 me at the time: she said, we couldn't, there were too  
12 many of youse to show independent love to. I knew they  
13 loved us all, I knew that all the time, but they  
14 couldn't do that from that point of view.

15 LADY SMITH: Why use the term "baggy pants"?

16 A. I don't know where it came from, but that's the term  
17 that was used in the home. That was a term of  
18 favouritism. I have no other explanation for it.  
19 That's what we used at the time.

20 LADY SMITH: The children used it?

21 A. We all used it: baggy pants.

22 LADY SMITH: Right.

23 MR MacAULAY: Were there children who were the favourites of  
24 particular nuns, for example?

25 A. Not really, no. No. There wasn't anybody who was

1 favourite. They might have looked as if they were  
2 favourites at one particular time, just at that  
3 particular time there and then but, no, nobody was  
4 a favourite whatsoever.

5 Q. What about with someone like [REDACTED] BAC, did he  
6 have his favourites in your opinion?

7 A. No, no. He loved all the boys in the band.

8 Q. Can I ask you about a little bit of evidence we heard  
9 recently in connection with bigger children against whom  
10 there were allegations being made of peer sexual abuse.  
11 I don't know if you've seen that evidence.

12 A. I have seen that, yes.

13 Q. That witness, who's not claiming anonymity, Mr Whicher,  
14 said that there was some form of public punishment once  
15 these boys had been identified in front of people at  
16 Smyllum. Have you any recollection of that?

17 A. What was this? Identified for doing what?

18 Q. For peer -- for sexually abusing younger children.

19 A. It was somebody there, do you mean?

20 Q. I may have not made myself clear. We had evidence this  
21 week, in fact, from Mr Whicher to the effect that there  
22 was --

23 A. Obviously I haven't read his transcript.

24 Q. I just want to know if you remember the incident. There  
25 were bigger boys against whom allegations of sexual

- 1 abuse were made.
- 2 A. Is this in my period?
- 3 Q. Yes, it would have been your period. Once the boys had  
4 been identified, [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED] punished them in the  
5 gym before a number of people from Smyllum. Does that  
6 mean anything to you?
- 7 A. Never heard of that one, no.
- 8 Q. I just want simply to ask you if there are other  
9 documents now you'd like to read to the inquiry or other  
10 points you want to make.
- 11 A. No. That's more or less -- I'd actually written my  
12 own -- but I believe you wanted it in order. The one  
13 I'd written, I wanted to put it -- I thought it was  
14 a better description of what went on, but I just  
15 accepted what was written in the format it was done.
- 16 Q. I think what you're saying is you wrote out your own  
17 statement and that was in a way overcome by the  
18 statement you finally finalised and signed for the  
19 inquiry?
- 20 A. Aye. It was more or less what I said, but I think it's  
21 more sort of -- it's not as robotic, as I would put it,  
22 it's more friendly. A warmer way of putting it, like,  
23 you know.
- 24 Q. Are you quite content --
- 25 A. No, I'm happy enough. I've got the statement next door

1           anyway. I've got it in there.

2           Q. So do we. We have it, so it's part of your evidence.

3           A. That's fine, yes.

4           Q. Are there any other points then you would like to make?

5           A. No, that's me. I'm quite happy with that.

6           LADY SMITH: Rondo, can I just explain the reason your

7           statement was organised -- the one that's on the

8           screen -- was organised the way it is. It's because

9           you'll appreciate we're gathering a lot of statements

10          and it's very helpful to us if the material has been

11          organised into the same sections. It's not in any way

12          intended to try and change your evidence, nor indeed to

13          prevent you, as you have done today, giving us as much

14          as you can of the human impression of what you want to

15          say.

16          A. Uh-huh.

17          LADY SMITH: So please be assured we're not regarding the

18          way you want us to understand what you have to say as

19          being irrelevant, not at all.

20          A. But knowing the evidence was -- at the beginning was on,

21          I didn't realise this was on the internet, you know, the

22          statements --

23          LADY SMITH: The transcripts?

24          A. The transcripts, yes. If I'd known that, I'd have given

25          you one that thick (indicates) probably and it'd all be

1 in order. But I just thought I'd do it the way you do  
2 it. Well, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] more or less says to me,  
3 (inaudible) if I ask you, I didn't realise there was  
4 a format, otherwise I wish I could do it all over again  
5 and it'd be that thick (indicates).

6 MR MacAULAY: The important thing, I think, from our  
7 perspective is you feel you have been able to say what  
8 you wanted to say to the inquiry.

9 A. Yes.

10 MR MacAULAY: Very well. Thank you, Rondo, for the  
11 contributions you have made today. I can see ultimately  
12 you got quite emotional and I'm sorry about that.

13 My Lady, I haven't received any questions to put to  
14 Rondo and I don't know if anyone wants to ask any  
15 questions.

16 LADY SMITH: Are there any outstanding applications for  
17 questions of this witness? No.

18 Rondo, that is all the questions --

19 A. Just one more thing, sorry.

20 LADY SMITH: Tell me, what?

21 A. In there --

22 LADY SMITH: You're picking up the typed document you  
23 provided for us. That's the single sheet one?

24 A. You see the one blacked out, this black mark?

25 LADY SMITH: Hang on a minute. Let me get my copy of it.

1 A. It's just a final point.

2 LADY SMITH: Don't tell me what's underneath the blacking  
3 out just at the moment.

4 A. Oh right.

5 LADY SMITH: Can I see it? (Handed)  
6 (Pause)  
7 I'm just going to ask Mr MacAulay to have a look at  
8 it as well.

9 MR MacAULAY: Yes. I am looking at it. I don't think this  
10 was blacked out by the inquiry.

11 A. No, no, it was me. Sorry. There was a reason why I did  
12 it. I'm sorry.

13 LADY SMITH: That's all right.

14 A. I did it, sorry.

15 LADY SMITH: We're very careful about protecting the privacy  
16 of people who are entitled to have their privacy  
17 protected. Do you want to tell us something about that  
18 part?

19 A. I can tell you exactly what was on that. The reason why  
20 I left it out -- I said it'd be misconstrued. What it  
21 says there is:  
22 " [REDACTED] BAC [REDACTED] I loved the man."  
23 That's exactly what it said, then I was thinking  
24 later on it's going to be twisted by everybody. I loved  
25 the man. I'm going to say it now.

1 LADY SMITH: Nobody is going to twist it, don't worry.

2 Thank you for making that clear. I'm able to let you go  
3 now with my thanks for you coming along to talk to us  
4 today.

5 A. Thank you very much.

6 (The witness withdrew)

7 LADY SMITH: Mr MacAulay?

8 MR MacAULAY: My Lady, we do have a window of opportunity to  
9 have another statement read in in order to end the week.

10 LADY SMITH: Let's do that now, thank you.

11 Witness statement of "MARGOT" (read)

12 MS MACLEOD: My Lady, this statement is of a witness who  
13 wishes to remain anonymous and to use the name "Margot".  
14 The witness statement is to be found at  
15 WIT.003.003.0904:

16 "My name is Margot. I was born in 1948. My contact  
17 details are known to the inquiry. I am the eldest of  
18 five children from a happy, loving Catholic home. As  
19 the eldest I was used to helping out with the care of my  
20 siblings. I attended a convent grammar school in  
21 Newcastle. It was one of the two such schools in  
22 Newcastle. Although it was full, the bishop leant on  
23 the nuns there to accept all Catholic girls who had  
24 passed the eleven-plus.

25 "I left school at 16. I was working in a day

1 nursery and I knew that I wanted to work with children,  
2 but not in the day nursery. I saw the advert for a care  
3 assistant as Smyllum Park in the Catholic newspaper, The  
4 Universe. It said that there would be an opportunity to  
5 go on and do training in residential childcare. At that  
6 time there wasn't training available in England.  
7 Scotland had training available in Glasgow or Aberdeen.  
8 I thought that was what I'd like to do, so I wrote and  
9 they wrote back and offered a job. They had never seen  
10 or met me before I was offered the position. I could  
11 have been anybody. I can't remember if they had checked  
12 with my convent grammar school. I had no qualifications  
13 in childcare.

14 "The person in charge at Smyllum was a  
15 Sister **EAL**. I think she was the Reverend Mother.  
16 She always seemed to be in an office space. I don't  
17 remember seeing her out and about. I assume it was her  
18 that I had corresponded with. I don't remember going  
19 through any form of interview when I arrived. I think  
20 I was in at the deep end. I arrived in 1965. I worked  
21 there for less than a year.

22 "I was allocated to Roncalli House, a separate unit  
23 within the grounds at Smyllum. I only ever worked  
24 in that unit. I had my own room within Roncalli.

25 "Sister **AFK** was in charge of Roncalli House.

1 I only remember two other care workers at Roncalli apart  
2 from myself. I think their names were [REDACTED] AHL and  
3 Mary.

4 "At weekends -- I can't remember if it was every  
5 weekend -- a woman named [REDACTED] ACU would come back. She  
6 was doing the course in residential childcare that  
7 I wanted to do. Sister [REDACTED] AFK had apparently also done  
8 that course before I arrived. [REDACTED] ACU came and went  
9 a bit. It was my understanding that she intended to  
10 return full-time to Smyllum on completion of the course.

11 "I did become aware of other staff at Smyllum as  
12 there was a room in the main building that we could  
13 gather in in the evening if we were off duty. As far as  
14 I can remember, there were four other units, each with  
15 its own nun in charge and each with a couple of care  
16 assistants. There were staff that had been there for  
17 quite a long time who seemed to have a kind of authority  
18 on the basis of the length of time they had been there.  
19 I have a feeling that one of the units had the older  
20 boys in it, but I can't be sure.

21 "There was a school on site with a nun in charge of  
22 it. I think she was called Sister [REDACTED] EAA. I think  
23 she had a reputation for being stern. I don't remember  
24 ever having gone up to the school. There was also  
25 a nursery unit. A lady called Margaret worked there.

1 She went on the same residential childcare course which  
2 I went on to after my time at Smyllum.

3 "The nuns did not provide any training themselves  
4 but were very keen on people doing some kind of  
5 training. I think Margaret had been persuaded to do  
6 some training and return to Smyllum by Sister [REDACTED] EAA .  
7 I have a difficulty in understanding this desire for  
8 training and reconciling that with the things  
9 I witnessed.

10 "I don't remember any grounds staff. I did hear the  
11 bit in the 'File on Four' programme about this guy,  
12 [REDACTED] BAC If he was somebody who was a sort of  
13 [REDACTED], he must have come into Roncalli House if they  
14 had things that needed [REDACTED] I have no memory of  
15 him at all.

16 "Roncalli House was a mixed unit. I think there  
17 were 22 people in Roncalli and a similar number in each  
18 of the other units. I think there were just over  
19 a hundred children overall at Smyllum including other  
20 little ones and infants. Most of the children at  
21 Roncalli were primary school age. I only remember one  
22 girl who went out to high school. During the time I was  
23 there, there was a baby. She was only there for weeks.  
24 She was going for adoption.

25 "There was a toddler in a cot. She was only there

1 for a short time. She had been placed there by her  
2 mother. Her mother visited every week. She got a job  
3 as a housekeeper. Her new employer allowed her to have  
4 the little girl with her. Her mother was delighted and  
5 came to collect her very quickly. I remember that  
6 Sister **AFK** was not pleased. With hindsight I can see  
7 her concern in that the employer was single male and the  
8 mother was placing herself and her child in quite  
9 a vulnerable position. Her employer would have lots of  
10 power over her and her child. At the time I just  
11 thought, just have the little one out of here.

12 "There was also a family of three who I think had  
13 been picked up from streets of Glasgow. They were  
14 scruffy and smelly and I remember their hair was stuck  
15 together with nits on arrival. I think this was, very  
16 matter-of-factly cleaned up and I remember this little  
17 one who was aged about 3. She in particular may have  
18 had her hair cut short-ish. I must admit that I don't  
19 know, back then, if you could have cleaned those heads  
20 without cutting some of the hair at least. I do  
21 remember that very quickly she had nice clean shiny  
22 hair. I don't remember them being treated in any way  
23 with any kind of disgust. I think she just went to the  
24 nursery at the school with the others.

25 "I remember two boys for very specific reasons which

1 I will come on to. I'm fairly sure one was called [and  
2 she gives a name]. Miss ACU used to call him  
3 something else.

4 "There was also another boy. I didn't know anything  
5 about the history of any of the children. I don't  
6 remember anyone saying to me that child might have  
7 behaved like that because this happened to them. With  
8 the family of three who arrived, all I knew was that  
9 they had virtually been lifted off the streets,  
10 apparently they had been kind of running wild. This was  
11 presumably because of a complete family breakdown but  
12 I don't remember being told anything else about them.

13 "My overall memory of Smyllum is of this dark period  
14 in my life. It was a short period. I don't think I was  
15 there for the full year. I was so homesick I thought  
16 I would die. I desperately wanted to go home,  
17 particularly in the first six months. I didn't do so  
18 because I did want to do the residential childcare  
19 course and also because my dad had absolutely and  
20 desperately wanted me not to go. He thought I was too  
21 young and he was right. I felt that I couldn't admit  
22 that he was right. My mum on the other hand had taken  
23 my side. I don't know why she did as she had had  
24 a horrendous experience when she came to the UK from  
25 Ireland aged 17. For both of them, they thought

1 I couldn't be in any danger because I was with the nuns,  
2 so I'd be all right.

3 "I don't remember the daily routine at  
4 Roncalli House very well. Some of this is just my  
5 assumption because this is how it must have happened for  
6 the day to progress, but I don't remember it properly.

7 "I know that I got the children up in the morning.  
8 Some of that is because of the particular memory I have.  
9 The children would have had their breakfast although  
10 I don't particularly remember breakfasts. The big ones  
11 would have taken the little ones up to school. I never  
12 took them to school. It was literally only yards up  
13 a path.

14 "All the children's meals were taken at  
15 Roncalli House. We never ate at the main building. The  
16 thinking behind that, Sister **AFK** having been on this  
17 course, was to make it as homely as possible. They ate  
18 at Roncalli House and all their washing and ironing was  
19 done there too.

20 "The food was all cooked at Roncalli House. That's  
21 one of my memories. My mum was a really good cook.  
22 I remember Sister **AFK** explaining to me the thinking  
23 behind cooking for the children at Roncalli House not  
24 long after I had first arrived. I have a very clear  
25 picture of her opening this catering size tin of cold

1 meat and emptying it out to a plate and thinking, my  
2 god, what's that, and, I'm expected to eat that.  
3 I can't remember anything else about food except that it  
4 was all prepared at Roncalli House. Sister **AFK**  
5 directed it, but we were all involved in preparing the  
6 food.

7 "Other than the incident I refer to later, I don't  
8 think I ever observed children being force-fed. I am  
9 very glad to say I didn't witness children being made to  
10 eat their own vomit.

11 "I am fairly sure that bathing the children didn't  
12 happen every night. I think there must have been a bath  
13 night once a week and it was just one child after the  
14 next, in and out of the bath. I don't remember if the  
15 water was changed between each child or not. It was not  
16 a pleasurable experience for them, where they would be  
17 sat in the bath where someone would sing a song with  
18 them or play a game. There were 22 children to be  
19 bathed, so you kind of got through them all. It must  
20 have been some sort of queueing system because my memory  
21 is that it was a fairly swift turnaround.

22 "I have one clear memory that just made me think  
23 'What?' It must have been in my early-ish days and I  
24 must have been helping with bathing. I remember  
25 Sister **AFK** saying to me, 'Don't you know how to bath

1 a child properly?' This was because I did not know that  
2 apparently the bit at the back of the heel is a place  
3 where dirt accumulates. I didn't know that because in  
4 our house my mum or my dad did the bathing or the  
5 washing and I bathed myself for a long time behind  
6 a locked door.

7 "This sticks in my mind particularly because of nuns  
8 and modesty. The older girl with us must have either  
9 started her periods or been really close to starting her  
10 periods. Her breasts were arriving and she had the  
11 beginnings of pubic hair. I remember her kind of  
12 standing and lying in the bath as well trying to cover  
13 herself. Sister **AFK** was just washing her and I was  
14 thinking this is not right, she should be bathing  
15 herself, she should be running her own bath behind  
16 a locked door and bathing herself.

17 "There is a point where all young people -- I don't  
18 know whether it is girls particularly, I think it's all  
19 young people -- just become very conscious of the  
20 changes that are happening to them. They don't want  
21 people standing around looking at them. I thought that  
22 was such an odd thing. It showed such a lack of  
23 understanding of what was happening to this girl.

24 "There may well have been instruction given to girls  
25 approaching puberty about menstruation, but I don't

1 remember any. I don't know what provision was made for  
2 them starting their periods. It was never mentioned to  
3 me. Presumably somebody had to do something, but  
4 I don't know what it was.

5 "In terms of schooling I don't remember if I had  
6 anything to do with the primary school on site. I don't  
7 think the children got any homework, but again it might  
8 just be that I don't remember it.

9 "I don't think the children wore any kind of  
10 uniform. The thing I hated about what they wore was in  
11 relation to Sunday morning and going to Mass. There  
12 must have been some kind of competition between the nuns  
13 as to who had the smartest turned out children, hats and  
14 hairdos. I just loathed it. Their Sunday clothes came  
15 off the hanger, went on them; they then came back from  
16 Mass and the clothes went back on the hanger and back  
17 into the wardrobes again. The children were then back  
18 into their ordinary clothes for the rest of the day.

19 "Clothing was provided for them and, as they grew,  
20 there would be clothes available that fitted properly.  
21 I think I would remember if their clothing were really  
22 poor or ill-fitting and I don't remember that. I don't  
23 remember anybody being taken for new clothes. That  
24 doesn't mean that it didn't happen, but I don't remember  
25 it. I don't think they were taken to be fitted for

1 shoes, but I don't remember.

2 "I don't remember any leisure activities at Smyllum.  
3 I don't remember playing games or reading stories or  
4 anything like that, but that might just be because  
5 I don't remember. I don't remember us going out. We  
6 did have a summer break at the seaside, but I don't  
7 recall the details of that.

8 "We had a toddler who wasn't there for very long and  
9 I know that I would very often just take her out with  
10 me. I don't know if anybody else did that but I know if  
11 I was going down to Lanark I would just put her in the  
12 pushchair and take her with me. I don't remember doing  
13 anything else.

14 "I don't remember any outside activities such as  
15 Cubs or Brownies. There may have been, but I don't  
16 remember.

17 "If there were any formal rules about disciplining  
18 children at Smyllum, nobody explained them to me.  
19 I wasn't aware of any discipline book being kept.  
20 Shouting seemed to be something that happened.  
21 Withdrawal of pocket money would have been a sanction,  
22 I think, but I don't remember if they got any. I don't  
23 remember any formal corporal punishments such as a belt  
24 or a cane or a slipper or anything like that. That  
25 doesn't mean that it didn't happen, but I don't remember

1 it.

2 I don't remember if the children had anywhere to  
3 keep personal possessions like toys or books. I don't  
4 have recollections of them having possessions.  
5 I presume they must have got Christmas presents and  
6 stuff. They must have had some things that were theirs.  
7 I say that because I cannot envisage it being possible  
8 for them not to have had some possessions that were  
9 theirs, but I don't remember.

10 "My assumption is that there must have been a toy  
11 room with toys for them to play with, but I don't  
12 remember. I don't remember if books were available to  
13 them.

14 "I don't remember children's birthdays being  
15 celebrated. I don't have any recollection of seeing any  
16 birthday cards or cakes. I was never at Smyllum for  
17 Christmas: I arrived in late December and left before  
18 the following Christmas.

19 "I don't remember if there were any visits from  
20 social workers. In personal research for my own benefit  
21 I recently carried out I understand that children should  
22 have been visited by an allocated worker at certain  
23 points in time. I think it might have been twice  
24 a year. I think that they didn't come. They certainly  
25 did not come into Roncalli House. It may well have been

1           that the children were taken to say hello with a nun in  
2           attendance and asked if they were all right and then  
3           taken back to the classroom, I don't know, but I don't  
4           remember either social work staff or parents coming.

5           " In Roncalli House I was not aware of parents  
6           visiting other than the example I have mentioned.  
7           I think that quite a lot of those children would have  
8           spent quite a lot of time, in their primary school years  
9           anyway, not being seen any other people other than the  
10          staff in Smyllum Park. I don't remember any of the  
11          children ever going home for weekend visits.

12          "The only thing I recall is some kind of committees,  
13          presumably some kind of scrutiny committee, if that is  
14          what they had in those days, coming. I assume that they  
15          would have come from a local authority. I think that  
16          most of the children that we had would have come from  
17          Glasgow and the outlying areas, so I assume it was from  
18          there, or it might even have been Lanark itself.

19          "I think they carried out a general inspection of  
20          the home because they came in to Roncalli House and  
21          I think they had a wander around. It was warm and clean  
22          and comfortable. Every child had a good bed with clean  
23          and nice bedding. I don't remember any of the committee  
24          members speaking to myself or any of the children  
25          directly. They may have done, but I don't remember if

1           they did.

2           "There was a bowl of fruit on the table in the big  
3 main living room and it had a bunch of bananas on top of  
4 it. One of the committee members said to one of the  
5 others, oh look, they get bananas, oh isn't that lovely.  
6 I just thought, you fucking idiots, what on earth do you  
7 think, that they don't deserve bananas somehow. I don't  
8 think bananas would be put out for the children to help  
9 themselves but I am sure within the realms of what it  
10 was, those children would have had a balanced diet and  
11 fruit would be part of that.

12           "I don't remember anybody having any medical needs.  
13 I don't remember any of the children actually being ill.  
14 I don't think there was a nurse on site. It may have  
15 been that one of the nuns had medical experience, but  
16 I don't know. I don't remember there being any regular  
17 visits from a local GP or nurse or anybody.

18           "I don't remember any dental care or checkups. It  
19 may have happened but I don't remember it. I suppose if  
20 that happened, somebody would have needed to drive and  
21 have access to a car so I am guessing it wouldn't be  
22 something that I would have done, but I don't remember.

23           "I don't recall any deaths at Smyllum during the  
24 time I was there. I have been told of the death of  
25 Sammy Carr in 1964 before I got there. I don't remember

1 that being discussed. I didn't realise that there had  
2 been a death so close to the time that I was there.  
3 I heard on the 'File on Four' programme that they think  
4 that 400 children were in this unmarked grave. I don't  
5 remember there being any discussion of anything like  
6 that. It might have been that there was and I didn't  
7 understand what it was about so it went kind of went  
8 over my head but I don't remember anything being said.

9 "I don't recall ever speaking to a priest at  
10 Smyllum. I would only ever see them at Mass.

11 "The children came back to Roncalli for lunch.  
12 That's where I saw one of the things. I can't remember  
13 whether it was an one-off or whether it happened more  
14 often. I have an impression that it happened more  
15 often, but I couldn't swear to it. I don't remember  
16 Sister **AFK** being there when things like this happened  
17 in the house.

18 "There was this little boy, he never wanted to eat.  
19 He was about 7 years of age, I think. He was one of  
20 those little, little scrawny children. He was just  
21 always sad. This other member of staff, **AHL**,  
22 decided that he had to eat. She was older than me and  
23 left Smyllum to get married soon after.

24 "She made the boy bring his plate over to where she  
25 was sitting. He wouldn't eat. You know yourself when

1           there are things in front of you that you can't eat and  
2           you think to yourself, that's disgusting, I can't eat  
3           it. He really couldn't eat it and she made him put his  
4           hand on the table and she hit him repeatedly over the  
5           knuckles with a fork. I can't remember him making any  
6           noise. I just remember him standing there with tears  
7           kind of running down his face. The more he did that,  
8           the more she shouted at him. He didn't eat it anyway,  
9           that I remember. He then had to go back to school.

10                 "There was some bit of me that was just shocked into  
11           frozen-ness. There was this silence in the room apart  
12           from her voice shouting at him. On reflection, I think  
13           every child must have been just sitting there absolutely  
14           terrified because I was. That was one of the things  
15           that absolutely stayed with me as a memory. There is  
16           a bit of me that hopes he has been able to grow and  
17           throw it off, but I don't think it's the kind of thing  
18           that you throw off very easily.

19                 "There was such a contrast with my own upbringing.  
20           I came from a family of five and we were very noisy. My  
21           dad would occasionally lose it and wave a slipper about.  
22           You always knew if my mum was going to clout you because  
23           she had her tongue between her teeth and you could duck.  
24           It was not a place of children being frightened.  
25           I found that enormously difficult, but presumably not as

1           difficult as the boy did.

2           "A boy was also on the receiving end of another  
3           beating, this time from Sister **AFK**. We had a big room  
4           and there must have been a smaller room off it and  
5           a little girl was in the smaller room. They would have  
6           been aged 6 or 7. They had been playing with each  
7           other. I didn't get the impression it was anything more  
8           than children playing doctors and nurses as they were  
9           both fully clothed. This seemed to be treated as some  
10          sort of heinous crime and there was an eruption.

11          Sister **AFK** had taken her shoe off and was wailing  
12          indiscriminately at them both her with her shoe. She  
13          was yelling at them that they were dirty and disgusting.

14          "In my memory there was just this sudden yelling and  
15          beating and her being really angry and red faced.  
16          Afterwards she is saying, I'm sure they were doing that,  
17          I was sure he was doing that because I could smell it on  
18          his hands sometimes'. It wasn't until some time later  
19          that I thought, 'Are you just waiting around to trap  
20          them and that?'

21          "It was like on the one hand there was this  
22          acknowledgement that institutions were not good for  
23          small children and efforts needed to be made to make  
24          them more comfortable and homely. On the other hand, in  
25          there somewhere, there still existed this belief that

1 children were innately bad and the way of dealing with  
2 that was to beat them. My take on it is that if you are  
3 doing training it is to help you give a better deal to  
4 the children that you are caring for and for the  
5 families you are caring for, and that there isn't any  
6 room for this other stuff. What I witnessed was not  
7 within the norms of corporal punishment even then.

8 "There was a boy who wet the bed. He is the only  
9 child at Roncalli I remember who wet the bed. I  
10 remember him particularly for this incident. I don't  
11 remember if he was hit regularly. The thing I remember  
12 is that he would be shouted at by Sister **AFK**. I can't  
13 remember if **AHL** did this or not. He would be told  
14 that he was dirty and he would have to strip his sheets  
15 off the bed and take them through and put them in the  
16 bath and turn the cold tap on them.

17 "My image is of this small boy, who would have been  
18 about 8, maybe 9, with his sheets, trailing them  
19 through, and putting them in the bathroom in the bath to  
20 soak. His pyjamas were wet as well. He would kind of  
21 haul his sheets around him to carry them through, almost  
22 like a cape. He didn't gather them in a bundle. Nobody  
23 helped him. I liked to think he wouldn't have gone in  
24 the bath with the wet sheets. I hope to God that he  
25 didn't. I can't remember if he was properly washed or

1 not. I don't remember bathing him or washing him after  
2 he had wet himself.

3 "Just before I left Smyllum, the other carer,  
4 **ACU** came back from doing the residential childcare  
5 courses. It was her first proper week back from the  
6 Glasgow course. My memory of it now is that I had in my  
7 head this idea that she was going to come back because  
8 she had just done this course and I think she must have  
9 worked there before because she clearly knew her way  
10 around and had some authority in the place and was  
11 definitely older.

12 "I went through to the bedroom and I could not  
13 believe what I was seeing. I came through and, God,  
14 there she was with her shoe off wailing on him and  
15 shouting at him and telling him that he was  
16 a disgusting, dirty boy. I can just remember my heart  
17 kind of sinking into my shoes and thinking, 'Well,  
18 what's all that about?'

19 "I don't know if Sister **AFK** was aware of what had  
20 happened. I don't think she was there, but I'm not  
21 sure. Essentially, this **ACU** was doing what I had  
22 seen Sister **AFK** doing on a different occasion.

23 "Sister **AFK** was not gentle and sympathetic to him.  
24 He must have woken up every morning wondering whether or  
25 not he was wet. I used to lift him to the toilet at

1 night. It was a common practice -- although I don't  
2 think that it worked -- during that period of time that  
3 if there were children that were bed-wetters on the way  
4 to bed you would lift them to the toilet. It might well  
5 have been that we did it because it was our turn but I  
6 might be mixing that up with one of the places I went to  
7 afterwards.

8 "A fair percentage of children in care wet their bed  
9 in the places that I went to afterwards. Those children  
10 did not get humiliated and beaten. It was all dealt  
11 with very quietly. Nothing remarked about it at all.

12 "I don't remember any other action beyond shouting  
13 and dragging their wet bedsheets being taken against  
14 bed-wetter. I think I ought to have these memories, but  
15 I don't remember anything else.

16 "These are the kind vivid impressions that have been  
17 left on me, but I can't tell you if they were one-offs  
18 or more than one-offs. I suspect that they would have  
19 been more than one-offs. I left Smyllum to start the  
20 residential care course in Aberdeen when a place became  
21 available for me. I knew I wasn't going back,  
22 absolutely not going back there, when I left.  
23 I attended that course for an academic year.

24 "When I was at Smyllum, there wasn't anybody to  
25 mention to or discuss with my concerns about what I was

1           witnessing. The thing that puzzles me is that it didn't  
2           occur to me that I could have talked to the leader of my  
3           course in Aberdeen when I got there. His name was  
4           Robert Kidd. He was fairly well-known in residential  
5           circles as an academic. It wasn't even that I had  
6           thought about it and dismissed it; it was how it was and  
7           no one would do anything about it.

8           "After I completed the residential care course in  
9           Aberdeen, I went on to work in two children's homes in  
10          Scotland. I did not have any concerns about either of  
11          the two homes I worked in in Scotland after Smyllum.

12          "The first was run by Barnardo's and in those days  
13          it was known as a school for maladjusted boys. It had  
14          a mix of residential staff and teaching staff. The  
15          person in charge was a lovely headteacher called  
16          Mr Norris. It had very small classrooms, four, five,  
17          six boys in a class in two units. I worked in the  
18          residential unit for the smaller boys. It ran on  
19          completely different lines, a completely different set  
20          of beliefs from that at Smyllum.

21          "The boys went home in the school holidays, they had  
22          regular contact with their parents. Every other Sunday  
23          parents came for the afternoon and into the evening to  
24          visit. Somebody drove the school minibus down to pick  
25          the parents up from the bus and take them back again.

1 It was easy for them to get there.

2 "One memory that came back to me was that on one of  
3 these Sunday afternoon visits, there was this boy, he  
4 must have been about 8. He went down on every bus and  
5 his parents didn't come, although they had promised him  
6 that they were coming. He had gone to meet the last  
7 possible bus. He came into the kitchen and there was  
8 a crate by the door of empty milk bottles. He walked  
9 into the door and he picked the bottles up, one after  
10 the another, and smashed them. He was so angry. I kind  
11 of went and got him arms and got my arms around him,  
12 held him, and said, 'Don't do that, that's not a good  
13 idea', and, 'I know you're angry, but that's not okay'.

14 "We had a male member of staff and he must have come  
15 in at that point and kind of picked him up and carried  
16 him off to distract him. In Smyllum Park that just  
17 wouldn't happen. A child would not be able to display  
18 their rage in that way and not bring some real  
19 punishment on themselves.

20 "The next place was in Edinburgh somewhere in the  
21 middle of 1969. At that time Edinburgh was closing all  
22 the big children's homes and building purpose built  
23 places for 10 children. That was one of those and  
24 I went in there as a deputy. It was run by a couple and  
25 there was me and another member of staff. Everything

1 in the home was just so different from Smyllum. At bath  
2 time each child had their bath in their own space and in  
3 their own time. Quite a number of the children from  
4 there had come from these bigger places and they really  
5 could not deal with being in the intimate environment  
6 with adults and other children.

7 "It must have been in the early days that one of the  
8 small boys wouldn't get in the bath. I could not get  
9 him in the bath. I can't remember how we resolved, but  
10 eventually we worked that out. For him, and probably  
11 for other children as well, one of their punishments had  
12 been being put in a cold bath. He had been naughty up  
13 to bath time and I was thinking that a nice warm  
14 soothing bath and calmness before bed would help. He  
15 thought I was going to put him in a cold bath and that  
16 this bath that I had run was cold. This home was just  
17 so different and yet Smyllum was still open, still  
18 running in the same kind of way until 1981.

19 "After that I moved to work in England. I worked  
20 for Leeds Social Services and they paid for my social  
21 work training in 1982.

22 "I saw an article in The Guardian, which referenced  
23 to an upcoming 'File on Four' programme about Smyllum on  
24 BBC Radio 4. I did some Google research on Smyllum Park  
25 and came across several articles. At the end of one of

1           them there were details of how to contact the inquiry.  
2           I noted these and decided to listen to the programme  
3           first and then make a decision on whether to contact the  
4           inquiry or not.

5           "After listening the 'File on Four' programme  
6           I decided to contact the inquiry. I found it very  
7           difficult because although my head knows that I was 17  
8           and not in a position to do anything at the time, there  
9           is still the Catholic guilt that says you should have  
10          done something about that. I can accept that  
11          intellectually, but still find it incredibly difficult  
12          to relive these events. I fear that talking about it  
13          may cause other memories to resurface. In retrospect,  
14          after contacting the inquiry, I realised that I had been  
15          scared of these people as well. I was scared that they  
16          would come and find me. I had that quite irrational  
17          fear.

18          "I put the news on one lunchtime and saw an  
19          interview with that woman who was making allegations of  
20          sexual abuse against the priests at Smyllum Park. I had  
21          to switch it off again because I felt physically sick.  
22          I just thought this is just unbearable. What I keep  
23          taking myself back to is, well, okay, if this is  
24          unbearable for me, then what was it like for those  
25          children? I can't even begin to imagine that, really,

1 because it is so far from my experience of growing up.  
2 What is it like to wake up in the morning and find that  
3 you have wet your bed again and think, so now what is  
4 going to happen? Or you know what is going to happen to  
5 you.

6 "Even prior to the recent publicity about Smyllum,  
7 I suffered intrusive thoughts related to my time at  
8 Smyllum. I didn't ever seek assistance with trying to  
9 work through these things for myself. A few years ago  
10 there was an article in The Guardian magazine, written  
11 by Bea Campbell, which included a reference to Smyllum.  
12 It mentioned that a helpline had been set up by some of  
13 the previous residents. I thought this is a good  
14 opportunity for me to kind of say I witnessed some stuff  
15 and I could talk about it if anybody thought it was  
16 useful. I rang The Guardian and asked how I could get  
17 in touch with her. I emailed her but I did not hear  
18 back from her. I tried to think of other things, but  
19 I couldn't so I had to let it drop.

20 "I have not ever, until recently, talked about those  
21 experiences at Smyllum myself. I am not absolutely sure  
22 why that was, but my memories certainly got quite deep  
23 and buried but not completely. The recent publicity and  
24 interviews have taken the lid off something.

25 "I had no involvement with record keeping at

1 Smyllum. I have not attempted to recover any records of  
2 my time at Smyllum.

3 "What I am left with now is a feeling that my really  
4 strong beliefs about how we behave towards children and  
5 the things that we do and the things that we never,  
6 never, never do come principally from my time at  
7 Smyllum. I think that there is a major chunk in my  
8 belief system that says that couldn't happen again, but  
9 actually there is a bit that says, yes, it could.

10 "All it needs for it to happen again is an  
11 institution to be not easily accessible, social services  
12 departments, children's departments, whatever you want  
13 to call them, not being properly resourced, and children  
14 not being seen. I think that must be the absolute  
15 underlying why. It obviously wasn't just Smyllum  
16 because I know that there are so many other places with  
17 children not being seen, not being listened to and not  
18 being believed. If you create a set of circumstances  
19 again where that is possible, then all of the other  
20 stuff can follow on.

21 "I have spoken to someone who was a social worker  
22 in the 1960s at the time we are talking about. She was  
23 in Liverpool and worked with quite a lot of Catholic  
24 children's homes run by nuns. Her experience was quite  
25 different, but then they were all there in the city and

1 children were being placed there and there were social  
2 workers in and out all the time. Nuns were also doing  
3 social work training. It was obviously a whole  
4 different ball game.

5 "I would think to think that none of nuns or staff  
6 went to Smyllum with a belief that somehow that they  
7 could use this as an opportunity to be abusive to  
8 children. However, this set of beliefs about the devil,  
9 beating the devil, all that kind of stuff, things like  
10 that could be allowed to just percolate through the  
11 whole place without being challenged.

12 "It is essential that we don't ever take  
13 insufficient resources, lack of money, whatever, as  
14 being a good enough reason for allowing situations that  
15 allow for abuse of children to develop again. That is  
16 up to and including how we recruit staff and the  
17 supervision of staff.

18 "Having had years of it later and provided it for  
19 other people, there was nothing you could even vaguely  
20 describe as staff supervision at Smyllum. Those sets of  
21 circumstances must not ever be allowed to be recreated.

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

1                   The statement was signed by Margot on  
2                   5 October 2017.

3           LADY SMITH: Thank you very much, Ms MacLeod.

4                   Does that complete the evidence that we have today?

5           MS MACLEOD: It does, my Lady. That completes the evidence  
6                   for today and this week.

7           LADY SMITH: So we start again on Tuesday at 10 o'clock, do  
8                   we?

9           MS MACLEOD: We do, my Lady, and we expect to hear from  
10                   three sisters.

11           LADY SMITH: I will adjourn now for the weekend until  
12                   Tuesday morning at 10.00.

13           (3.13 pm)

14                   (The hearing adjourned until Tuesday,  
15                   16 January 2018 at 10.00 am)

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