

Special Inquiry  
into  
St Andrew's Hostel, Katanning  
(including St Christopher's Hostel, Northam)

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Before: The Hon Peter Blaxell

1 HIS HONOUR: Yes, Mr Urquhart.

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3 MR URQUHART: Thank you very much, sir. I just propose  
4 now giving a short opening address. Though this Special  
5 Inquiry has been named the St Andrew's Hostel Inquiry, its  
6 terms of reference provide that it can consider any  
7 evidence of allegations of sexual abuse by any person at a  
8 related organisation. This necessarily includes any hostel  
9 that fell within the control of the Country High School  
10 Hostels Authority.

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12 For the next three days the public hearings of the  
13 Inquiry will be examining what took place at the  
14 St Christopher boys' hostel in Northam from the late 1960s  
15 through to the end of 1977. Investigations by the Inquiry  
16 over the last several months have uncovered allegations of  
17 sexual misconduct to hostel boys by the warden at this  
18 hostel during this period and his name is Roy Wenlock.

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20 Over the course of the next three days evidence will  
21 either be led or read from statements that have been  
22 provided to the Inquiry detailing this alleged behaviour by  
23 the warden. The Inquiry will examine the response by the  
24 St Christopher's Hostel board once it became aware of this  
25 warden's behaviour. The questions that will be addressed  
26 include whether the board's response was appropriate or  
27 whether it was a response tailored to ensure that the  
28 reputation of this particular hostel was protected; also  
29 whether the response taken by the board was carried out in  
30 a timely manner and finally, whether the board should have  
31 taken measures to ensure Roy Wenlock could not take up  
32 another occupation that involved interaction with boys of a  
33 similar age.

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35 A related question to all of these is what knowledge  
36 did the Country High School Hostels Authority have of  
37 Roy Wenlock's behaviour and whether it too responded in the  
38 appropriate manner. I just wish to now give some  
39 background in relation to this particular hostel.

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41 The St Christopher's boys hostel was built in Northam  
42 in 1941. It underwent several extensions over the course  
43 of the next 30 years. The Country High School Hostels  
44 Authority Act of 1960 created a separate statutory  
45 authority responsible for the provision and operation of  
46 country high school hostels throughout Western Australia.  
47 The Authority was to provide, supervise and maintain hostel

1 accommodation for students enrolled in high schools who  
2 lived in areas too far away to have them commute to and  
3 from the schools on a daily basis.  
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5 Prior to the introduction of this Act in 1960  
6 organisations such as the Anglican Church and the Country  
7 Women's Association were responsible for the management of  
8 high school hostels. In some instances though, these  
9 organisations continued to play a role in the  
10 administration of high school hostels, even after the Act  
11 came into operation.  
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13 St Christopher's Hostel had been administered by the  
14 Anglican Church prior to 1960. The Authority, by its  
15 powers of delegation under the Act, delegated  
16 responsibility for the continued administration of the  
17 St Christopher's Hostel to the Anglican Church. The  
18 church, therefore, remained responsible for the day-to-day  
19 running of the hostel and for selecting members of the  
20 hostel board, subject to the approval of the Authority.  
21 Hence, during the period that the Inquiry is looking at,  
22 namely the late 1960s to 1977, the chairman of the  
23 St Christopher's Hostel was always an archdeacon or bishop  
24 from the Anglican Church. The buildings that housed the  
25 boys who resided at St Christopher's during the years Roy  
26 Wenlock was warden were last used in 2002. From 2003 the  
27 boys have been accommodated at Adamson House, which had  
28 previously just been the girls' hostel.  
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30 Turning our attention now to Mr Roy Wenlock. In late  
31 1963 the St Christopher's board recommended to the Anglican  
32 archbishop that Roy Wenlock be appointed as warden. That  
33 recommendation was accepted, which led to Roy Wenlock  
34 remaining warden at St Christopher's for the following  
35 14 years. He was in his early 30s when he commenced.  
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37 By most accounts Roy Wenlock was a very strict  
38 disciplinarian with the boys who were placed under his  
39 care. Though by today's standards his prevalence for  
40 corporal punishment would be condemned, at the relevant  
41 time it may not necessarily have been so. Nevertheless,  
42 the heavy use of the cane by him for minor indiscretions  
43 was arguably excessive. However, it was his conduct  
44 towards boys during what Roy Wenlock would describe as  
45 wrestling that would have warranted further scrutiny, not  
46 just by today's standards but also by the standards that  
47 existed 40-odd years ago.

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2           The warden's predilection for wrestling with the  
3 students quickly gained notoriety amongst those boys who  
4 stayed at the hostel. It was to become known as "bruting"  
5 or "having a brute with Snoz", which was the nickname that  
6 this warden had throughout the years he was in charge of  
7 this hostel.

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9           The earliest account that the Inquiry has been able to  
10 uncover regarding this warden's sexual interference with  
11 boys under his care took place in 1968. On that occasion  
12 two boys went to his flat which adjoined one of the  
13 dormitories. They were told to strip down to their jocks.  
14 Roy Wenlock also undressed down to his jocks. Each of the  
15 boys then took it in turns to wrestling their warden. Roy  
16 Wenlock would always make sure that when he was lying on  
17 his back the boy he was wrestling would straddle him. He  
18 would then instruct the boy to use his hands to squeeze him  
19 under his armpits. As the boy lent over to do that, Roy  
20 Wenlock would then begin pretending to try and buck the boy  
21 off. This would cause contact between his groin area and  
22 the boy's bottom, an action that essentially simulated  
23 sexual intercourse.

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25           A number of ex-students can recall that during this  
26 part of the wrestling Roy Wenlock's penis would be erect or  
27 partially erect. At this point he would often say "You  
28 brute, you brute", which led to the description of these  
29 wrestling matches as "bruting" amongst the boys who had the  
30 misfortune of being selected. On occasions Roy Wenlock  
31 would actually ejaculate.

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33           It would appear, sir, this behaviour went on from at  
34 least 1968 right through to when this warden was eventually  
35 forced to resign at the end of 1977. The wrestling would  
36 almost always take place in the warden's flat and would  
37 either involve a single boy by himself or as many as six  
38 taking it in turns to wrestle with him. The boys almost  
39 invariably had to wrestle him only wearing jocks and he too  
40 would usually only be wearing jocks.

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42           Though these activities by the hostel's warden was  
43 common knowledge amongst the boys who resided there, the  
44 Inquiry's investigations have found that this activity was  
45 not brought to the attention of anyone in authority until  
46 1975. In that year a 13-year-old boy at the hostel decided  
47 to report Roy Wenlock to his mother after he was subjected

1 to two wrestling sessions with him. His mother then made a  
2 complaint to the northern police. This boy, who is now  
3 50 years of age, recalled being questioned at length by a  
4 detective from the northern police station. He recalls  
5 this police officer telling him that he had previously  
6 heard about the warden's behaviour but it "wasn't enough"  
7 to have him charged. The boy was told to call the  
8 detective if Roy Wenlock was to do anything more.  
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10 This boy was subjected to a further wrestling session,  
11 this time with other boys. Once that occurred his parents  
12 moved him from the hostel approximately halfway through  
13 1976. It was in that year, 1976, that two other boys had  
14 been subjected to Roy Wenlock's sexual interference made  
15 complaints. One approached a teacher at the school and it  
16 seems both approached a day student at the school who was  
17 the son of the local member of parliament at the time.  
18 That boy's name was Brett McIver, whose father is the late  
19 Ken McIver who held the seat of Avon from 1969 to 1986.  
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21 To his credit Mr Ken McIver did take the matter  
22 further and raised it with the chairman of the hostel  
23 board, the then Archdeacon and now Bishop, Michael Challen.  
24 Notwithstanding the serious nature of these allegations, it  
25 may be open for the Inquiry to find that Roy Wenlock on  
26 this occasion was only given a warning to no longer allow  
27 boys to go to his unit. If, in fact, that was the case,  
28 then this warden ignored that warning because in 1977 he  
29 continued to have his so-called wrestling matches with boys  
30 under his care and in his unit.  
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32 A requirement of this warden was that if a boy had  
33 been away for the weekend, then he had to report to the  
34 warden that he had returned to the hostel. One particular  
35 fifth year, or year 12 student, did that on an occasion in  
36 late 1977 and when he advised the warden that he was back,  
37 Roy Wenlock invited him into his unit. Though this boy had  
38 never been subject to any wrestling, he had certainly heard  
39 about it. After having an arm wrestle with this boy, Roy  
40 Wenlock then stated that he wanted a wrestle. He jumped on  
41 top of this boy and held him down. At the time he was only  
42 wearing his jocks and a bathrobe. After about 10 minutes  
43 this boy struggled to get free and as he did so Roy Wenlock  
44 tore his shirt.  
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46 This student then reported what had happened to a  
47 young teacher, who then advised the deputy warden. From

1 there it seems things moved quickly. The secretary of the  
2 hostel board, Mr Fred Killick, who also happened to be  
3 Northam's mayor at the time, was notified. In turn the  
4 matter was then reported to Archdeacon Challen, who  
5 convened a special committee with another board member, in  
6 which it was resolved that Roy Wenlock was to resign  
7 immediately.

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9 On 2 December 1977 Roy Wenlock tendered his  
10 resignation and 10 days later the Board's minutes note that  
11 the warden had resigned and that the action of the special  
12 committee was endorsed. His resignation was to take effect  
13 as of 16 December 1977 and that he was to be paid to  
14 2 January 1978.

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16 In 1979 the West Australian Cricket Association  
17 created a new position of development officer and employed  
18 Roy Wenlock to fill that role. Given his alleged conduct  
19 at the hostel, it is somewhat disturbing that this position  
20 enabled him to continue his association with young boys.  
21 It is outside the Inquiry's terms of reference to examine  
22 whether the sexual misconduct he engaged in at the hostel  
23 continued once he left. Nevertheless, the Inquiry has  
24 received information that as late as the early 1990s he was  
25 still inviting teenage boys to wrestle with him.

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27 Roy Wenlock died on 5 February 2007 at the age of 75.  
28 A question that the Inquiry has looked at is whether this  
29 warden had committed any offences as the Criminal Code  
30 stood at the relevant time. Unlike the present provisions  
31 of the code, which extensively cover many circumstances in  
32 which child sexual abuse can occur, the provisions that  
33 existed in the Criminal Code from the period 1968 to 1977  
34 were noticeably scant, particularly for offences against  
35 boys. The then section 103 of the Criminal Code provided  
36 for indecently dealing with a boy under the age of 14.  
37 There was, however, no specific offence for offending  
38 against a boy aged 14 or above. The only recourse was to  
39 section 315 of the Criminal Code, which provided for the  
40 offence of unlawful and indecent assault of any male person  
41 and, of course, an assault would not be unlawful if it was  
42 done with consent.

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44 In most of the cases that has come to the attention of  
45 the Inquiry, Roy Wenlock would target boys to have wrestles  
46 with him who had already turned 14. On some occasions this  
47 would actually be on their 14th birthday. Indeed, by the

1 1970s word had got around the hostel that boys should do  
2 anything to avoid being at the hostel on the day of their  
3 birthday, as this would invariably mean they would be  
4 invited to Roy Wenlock's unit for the inevitable bout of  
5 "wrestling".  
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7         Apart from one isolated occasion in 1970 that has come  
8 to the attention of the Inquiry, Roy Wenlock's deviant  
9 behaviour was always in the context of wrestling with boys.  
10 Whether intentional or not, by engaging in these activities  
11 with boys who had already turned 14 and by not committing  
12 more overt sexual behaviour, Roy Wenlock appeared to have  
13 escaped the scrutiny of police. Indeed, on the only  
14 occasion that the Inquiry has been able to discover where a  
15 complaint was made to the police, the boy was told that  
16 there was not enough to actually have this warden charged.  
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18         From its investigations of Dennis McKenna at the  
19 Katanning hostel and Roy Wenlock at the Northam hostel, the  
20 Inquiry has noted many striking similarities between these  
21 two men. These similarities include that both never  
22 married. That both became involved working in high school  
23 hostels at relatively young ages for wardens; Roy Wenlock  
24 at age 31 and Dennis McKenna at age 29. Both were very  
25 prominent and highly respected within the community where  
26 their hostels were. Both were well liked and respected by a  
27 majority of parents. Both undertook voluntary work within  
28 the community. Both emphasised extracurricular activities  
29 for students, including the organisation of overseas trips.  
30 Both were strict disciplinarians. Both were named by the  
31 Country High School Hostels Authority as being wardens of  
32 the highest quality. Both were regular church attendees  
33 and both would participate in their respective services.  
34 Both would habitually watch boys showering under a pretext.  
35 Both have been described as having "Jekyll-and-Hyde"  
36 characters. Both allowed students to drive their cars.  
37 Both were accused of opening mail addressed to others at  
38 the hostel. Both boasted of knowing people in high places.  
39 For both there was a general reluctance amongst students to  
40 complain about their behaviour because of their standing in  
41 the community and the view of the students that they  
42 wouldn't therefore be believed.  
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44         Both would appoint students as prefects that they had  
45 either abused and/or who they regarded as their favourites.  
46 Both would get prefects to either beat or humiliate other  
47 students. Both ensured that those students who challenged

1 their sexual offending were ostracised. Both expelled  
2 students without justification. Both had new records set  
3 for enrolments in their respective hostels. Both received  
4 community awards. Both pretended that they had been either  
5 married or engaged. Both lied to parents about their  
6 children's behaviour at the hostel. Both would deploy the  
7 modus operandi of having a group of boys attend their flats  
8 and then invite one to stay back. Both required their  
9 students to wear uniforms to school and both enticed  
10 potential victims with the offering of treats, such as  
11 watching TV in their units and providing them with cool  
12 drinks.

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14 I just now, sir, want to turn to make some brief  
15 remarks about the Inquiry's investigation regarding other  
16 hostels.

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18 The Inquiry has received information regarding sexual  
19 abuse by a hostel staff member at the Bunbury hostel (known  
20 as Craig House) in the mid-1970s. However, the information  
21 obtained thus far has provided no evidence that this abuse  
22 was brought to the attention of anyone in authority at or  
23 about the relevant time. As such, this information as it  
24 presently stands falls outside the Inquiry's terms of  
25 reference.

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27 The hostel in South Headland known as Hardie House is  
28 another that the Inquiry has received information about  
29 concerning alleged sexual abuse by a hostel staff member in  
30 the mid-1980s. Although inquiries have progressed further  
31 in relation to that hostel than they have with regards to  
32 Craig House, at this stage more information is sought.

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34 Though the Inquiry does not have to present its report  
35 until 18 July this year, in order for it to carry out  
36 further investigations from information received it is  
37 imperative that any members of the public that do have  
38 details regarding sexual abuse at any government-run hostel  
39 at any time ought to provide the Inquiry with that  
40 information by no later than Friday, 1 June 2012.

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42 I just turn now briefly to give a summary of the  
43 format for these public hearings over the next three days.

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45 In addition to a number of witnesses giving oral  
46 evidence over the course of the next three days, a number  
47 of statements by witnesses will simply be read into

1 evidence. In some instances those men who are subject to  
2 alleged sexual abuse at the hands of Roy Wenlock have  
3 requested that their identities be concealed. Given the  
4 sensitive subject matter of their evidence, the Inquiry  
5 will not require those men to identify themselves. They  
6 will be simply referred to by a letter and I would expect  
7 that the media, as it has done to date, will also respect  
8 the wishes of these witnesses and the Inquiry's media  
9 protocol.

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11 As I have already mentioned, Mr Wenlock is now  
12 deceased. I should also point out that Mr Wenlock was  
13 never charged, let alone convicted of any offences of a  
14 sexual nature. Extensive efforts have been made by the  
15 Inquiry to locate a relative or relatives of his who, if  
16 they wanted to, could prepare a statement on his behalf.  
17 As I have mentioned earlier, Mr Wenlock never married, so  
18 it has therefore been difficult to trace any close  
19 relatives of his. However, it appears inquiries to date by  
20 the Inquiry's investigators will enable me to read a  
21 statement into evidence from a relative of Mr Wenlock and  
22 it is hoped and anticipated that can be done before this  
23 Friday, when this segment of the Inquiry's public hearings  
24 conclude.

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26 That completes my opening address now, sir. The first  
27 witness that the Inquiry will be calling is again a  
28 gentleman who has sought to have his identity concealed and  
29 he will just simply be referred to as "C".

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31 HIS HONOUR: "C". Thank you very much. Well, "C" can come  
32 forward to the witness box.

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34 <"C", sworn:

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36 <EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR URQUHART:

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38 MR URQUHART: Q. Are you actually a member of the  
39 Western Australian Police Force; is that correct?

40 A. Yes, I am.

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42 Q. And you are a detective?

43 A. Yes, I am.

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45 Q. For the purposes of my question then if I can just  
46 refer to you simply as "Detective"?

47 A. That's fine, thank you.

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2 Q. I understand that you have been a police officer for  
3 getting close on to 40 years?  
4 A. Yes, that's right.  
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6 Q. As a police officer have you had extensive experience  
7 in the area of sex offending?  
8 A. Yes, I have. I have been a detective for all bar five  
9 years of that 37, 38 years, whatever, and in that time  
10 obviously investigated numerous sexual matters and  
11 currently where I am situated or - I'm actually involved in  
12 the management of child sex offenders that have been  
13 released into the community and our focus is to prevent the  
14 recidivist nature or the cyclic nature of their offending  
15 by focussing our resources upon them.  
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17 Q. When you say sex offences or offenders, they include  
18 paedophiles?  
19 A. Yes, paedophile and child sex offenders; there's a  
20 clear distinction between the two. Paedophile, in our  
21 opinion or in our definition, is somebody whose preferred  
22 sexual model has shifted to that of a child and it does not  
23 move back, that is their preferred sexual model of the  
24 victim profile. Whereas a child sex offender is somebody  
25 who may only have the one conviction and has offended by  
26 opportunity or something like that, whose preferred sexual  
27 model has not shifted to that of a child but has a  
28 propensity towards offending of that nature.  
29  
30 Q. I see. As a result of your work are you familiar with  
31 a number of studies and statistical research in this area  
32 of sex offending?  
33 A. Absolutely, yes, I have given expert evidence in all  
34 of the courts - the Children's Court, Magistrates Courts,  
35 District Court and Supreme Court - in regard to the  
36 administration of the Community Protection Offender  
37 Reporting Act and also in regard to the Dangerous Sex  
38 Offenders Act 2004 and 2005 respectively.  
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40 Q. Detective, I will ask you something more about that a  
41 little bit later on but for the moment if we can go back  
42 now to some time ago because I understand you are 56 years  
43 of age, is that right, now?  
44 A. Yes, that's right.  
45  
46 Q. And ask you about things when you were 12 years old.  
47 At the time did you live with your family on a farm?

1 A. Yes, on a farming property, be about 160km north-east  
2 of Northam, and about 70-odd kilometres to the east of  
3 Dalwallinu, out near the - out near the emu-proof fence.  
4  
5 Q. Okay. And there was a primary school close by?  
6 A. Yes, there was a primary school seven mile away, and  
7 it had 15 students, and I was the oldest boy in Year 5.  
8  
9 Q. Once you'd finished primary school, did you then have  
10 to board in order to attend a high school?  
11 A. Yes, that's right. I followed by older sister to  
12 Northam. My sister stayed at Adamson House and I followed  
13 her to St Christopher's.  
14  
15 Q. St Christopher's House. Now, was that in Inkpen  
16 Street, Northam?  
17 A. Yes. And that's to the south of the high school, up  
18 the hill, whereas the girls' hut, the Adamson House, was to  
19 the - sorry, to the north that was. The boys' hut was to  
20 the south - that's right.  
21  
22 Q. Right. And you refer to it as "the hut"?  
23 A. Yes, that's right.  
24  
25 Q. Is that the description that was given the hostels?  
26 A. Both of the hostels was the boys' hut and the girls'  
27 hut.  
28  
29 Q. I see. And both within walking distance of the high  
30 school?  
31 A. Yes, both very close, yes.  
32  
33 Q. I just want to ask you something about St  
34 Christopher's, if I can. The warden at the time that you  
35 went there - because I'm working out that you would have  
36 gone there then in 1968 --  
37 A. Yes, that's right.  
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39 Q. -- does that sound right?  
40 A. Yes, 1968. It was Roy Wenlock.  
41  
42 Q. Right. And did you remain there at St Christopher's  
43 for the entire time that you were in high school?  
44 A. Yes, five years.  
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46 Q. So 1968 through to 1972?  
47 A. Yes, that's correct. And he was the warden the entire

1 time, and Mrs Logan was the matron.  
2  
3 Q. I see. Now, can you tell us whether anybody assisted  
4 Roy Wenlock in the running of the hostel?  
5 A. Yes, there were housemasters who were school teachers  
6 from the high school, and they received either a reduced  
7 rental, free rent and food. They took study lessons, and  
8 they also assisted with the general running and  
9 administration, discipline and that type of thing along  
10 with prefects who had been selected generally from fifth  
11 year.  
12  
13 Q. And with respect to the running of the hostel, were  
14 there certain times on each day in which the students were  
15 required to study?  
16 A. Yes, there was. In first year and second-year high  
17 school two hours of study was undertaken, all with the  
18 exception of Friday, between seven and nine, but you could  
19 do more if you wished. From third year high school, for  
20 those studying for their junior certificates, but those in  
21 fourth and fifth year were required to do a minimum of  
22 three hours, from seven until 10, but most of us, by that  
23 stage, would do considerably more.  
24  
25 Q. And the set up in the dormitories there - was it an  
26 open plan?  
27 A. It was. Until you reached fourth and fifth year,  
28 later, that's after there'd been a redevelopment. When I  
29 was first there, most of the dormitories were old wooden  
30 weatherboard and asbestos-type buildings, and the brick and  
31 tile type construction was the rec room, administration,  
32 dining room - that area. After that the first, second,  
33 third and fourth dormitories were built out of brick, and  
34 the old ones were demolished.  
35  
36 Q. I see.  
37 A. The studies still occurred though, in an old  
38 weatherboard building out the back.  
39  
40 Q. And is it right that those extensions or those  
41 structures took place in around 1970?  
42 A. It would have been around about 1970. I can't be  
43 exactly sure, but I do recall going to Wenlock's flat,  
44 which was his new flat when I was in fourth year, so that  
45 would have been around about the time that he moved from  
46 the original construction to the new flat so - I suppose is  
47 the best way I could describe it.

1  
2 Q. Yes. And whilst on the subject matter of the set-out,  
3 have you provided the Inquiry with some plans that you've  
4 been able to obtain of the hostel as it was after those  
5 renovations were completed --  
6 A. Yes.  
7  
8 Q. -- in around 1970?  
9 A. Yes. That's right.  
10  
11 Q. Okay. I'm just going to show you one of those copies.  
12 And one for his Honour.  
13 A. Thank you. Yes, I prepared this myself yesterday and  
14 I've just simply labelled it "St Christopher's Hostel" at  
15 the top. The first part, including "Dormitory 1" - so the  
16 "Dining Room", "Recreation Room" and "Dormitory 1", were  
17 part of the first brick and tile. That was already in  
18 existence when I came there in 1968.  
19  
20 Q. I see.  
21 A. The dormitories were very large weatherboard open plan  
22 areas with just beds and irons, and that was my first,  
23 second year; and around about third and fourth year, this  
24 construction - there were two phases of the construction,  
25 but it ultimately built these other dormitories that you  
26 have on the - on the plan, first and second floors,  
27 including the warden's flat, and some of the older  
28 buildings were then demolished, but the study room for the  
29 first and second years and some of the third years was  
30 still operating when I left.  
31  
32 Q. Okay.  
33 A. It was only when you were in fourth and fifth year  
34 that you actually had a cubicle to yourself, with a bed,  
35 with a study desk, a light, and you had a little bit of  
36 privacy.  
37  
38 Q. Okay. You've also written in there some other things  
39 - for example, where the oval was, which was off to the  
40 left?  
41 A. Yes, that's right.  
42  
43 Q. You also have written there where Mrs Logan's flat  
44 was?  
45 A. Yes.  
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47 Q. The matron for the --

1 A. The matron. She always did live in that flat from the  
2 time I first arrived.  
3  
4 Q. Okay. Then you also described where the shower block  
5 is?  
6 A. Yes, the - yes, I have.  
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8 Q. I'll ask you some more questions about that a little  
9 bit later on?  
10 A. Yes.  
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12 Q. And have you also indicated on that plan in your own  
13 handwriting where Roy Wenlock's flat was?  
14 A. Yes, I have. I've actually marked it with an arrow in  
15 Wenlock's flat.  
16  
17 Q. And that's a separate - was it a separate building --  
18 A. Yes.  
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20 Q. -- from the other dorms?  
21 A. Yes, it was.  
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23 Q. Yes. To get from Dormitory 3 through to his flat, did  
24 you walk through a carport area?  
25 A. There was a, from my recollection, a path, but there  
26 was a carport, I think probably would have been to the east  
27 of that flat, but there was, like, a bit of garden and,  
28 unfortunately, the only photograph that I have seen of that  
29 only covers the left-hand side, so I can't - I couldn't  
30 produce a photograph of it, but there was a walkthrough  
31 there.  
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33 Q. Right. And how was his flat set out? Can you recall  
34 how many rooms it had?  
35 A. I can really only remember, like, a fairly open plan,  
36 kitchen, toilet. No, I really only remember the main room,  
37 and he always had the lights dimmed as well.  
38  
39 Q. Okay.  
40 A. Yes.  
41  
42 Q. And television set?  
43 A. It did have a television set. I don't recall watching  
44 TV in his flat.  
45  
46 Q. Was there a communal television set anywhere in the  
47 hostel?

1 A. There was, in the rec room.  
2  
3 Q. There was?  
4 A. I remember watching the moon landing in that  
5 recreational room there.  
6  
7 MR URQUHART: Right. A number of people can remember the  
8 moon landing, I can't, but from the event here --  
9  
10 HIS HONOUR: I do.  
11  
12 MR URQUHART: Q. Now, detective, is it the case that Roy  
13 Wenlock wasn't always in that flat when you were there?  
14 A. That's right. If I hold that up, sir, I can just  
15 describe - my best recollection is I first went in 1968  
16 when I was --  
17  
18 HIS HONOUR: We might try and put it up on the screen as  
19 well. It might make it a bit easier --  
20  
21 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
22  
23 HIS HONOUR: -- so everyone can see. Can we do that?  
24  
25 MR URQUHART: Yes, we can. I might just have to borrow Mr  
26 Jenkin's copy again for that exercise - although he's  
27 written on it so - but never mind.  
28  
29 HIS HONOUR: Well, use mine. It might be easier.  
30  
31 MR URQUHART: Q. So your recollection that where you  
32 went to, the other place that he stayed at was at or about  
33 the same time as these extensions?  
34 A. Yes, that's correct. The extension when they - that  
35 included his flat at that time and around third and fourth  
36 year that is - when that took place, but prior to that,  
37 particularly definitely the first instance is when I was  
38 12, took place at his first flat, because these other  
39 buildings didn't exist.  
40  
41 Q. Yes.  
42 A. Yes.  
43  
44 MR URQUHART: Not working?  
45  
46 ASSOCIATE: Might be easier if we go upstairs --  
47

1 MR URQUHART: Look, it might be all right.  
2  
3 Q. How about, detective, if you just simply put a cross  
4 on the plan that you've got, just to indicate about where  
5 his accommodation was in your first couple of years at the  
6 hostel.  
7 A. Yes.  
8  
9 Q. Have you done that?  
10 A. Yes, I have.  
11  
12 Q. Okay. That will be fine, thank you.  
13 A. It's at the top here. I think it might have become a  
14 storeroom or something like that after he moved.  
15  
16 Q. So the other flat or combination that he went to was  
17 larger than that one?  
18 A. Yes, it was. Yes, a lot better set out as well, yes.  
19  
20 MR URQUHART: Sir, I will tender that copy that the  
21 detective has marked.  
22  
23 **EXHIBIT #113 PLAN AS MARKED BY THE WITNESS "C" BARCODED 0464**  
24  
25 MR URQUHART: Q. Now, detective, you mentioned the  
26 number of hours that the students studied. Did that have  
27 an impact on results?  
28 A. It did. Academically the high school or the hostel  
29 boys particularly were high achievers, as far as that went,  
30 and I most definitely got the impression that we lifted the  
31 standard of the high school itself because of the - what we  
32 call townies, which were obviously not bad boys, but people  
33 that lived in and around the time. In order to compete  
34 with us, they had to do similar amounts of study, and the  
35 example that I give would be the fact I recall throwing  
36 disruptive students out of our class - collectively,  
37 throwing them out and saying, "You're not welcome, we want  
38 to study, we want to learn", and in fifth year, after  
39 completing leaving and matriculation, 50 of the 51  
40 collected students in that - in my classes, got  
41 Commonwealth scholarships to go university.  
42  
43 HIS HONOUR: Q. That included the townies?  
44 A. That included the townies, and it was - you know, we  
45 took pride in that. We took pride in the fact that we were  
46 able to achieve, and I really recall sitting down doing my  
47 leaving and matriculation exams thinking that this was

1 really easy because it was - we'd studied way past that  
2 level or standard.

3  
4 MR URQUHART: Q. Right. Insofar as the hostel students  
5 were concerned, are you of the view that Roy Wenlock had  
6 any influence on that?

7 A. Absolutely. Very strict, very controlled and study  
8 was one thing that you - you just had to do. And it didn't  
9 take that long before you were generating your own  
10 interests, generating your own commitment to that cause,  
11 and you started achieving results.

12  
13 Q. Did you eventually become a prefect yourself?

14 A. Yes, I did. In fifth year, and I was in charge of the  
15 Year 1 dormitory, which was in the middle section. It was  
16 the older dormitory after the new ones had been built.  
17 That was open plan, except for my cubicle, which was  
18 cubicle - one cubicle in that old dormitory which was mine,  
19 at the end, had a curtain. That was about it.

20  
21 Q. I see. And can I ask you, detective, about certain  
22 instances that you can recall happening when you were at  
23 the hostel, and one in particular was regarding a  
24 housemaster.

25 A. Yes. Several housemasters. One housemaster who -  
26 who's really a nice guy, a guy by the name of "Temby", who  
27 became our - our football coach. The contrast with that  
28 person to another housemaster who I didn't like. There was  
29 always - the way I could describe it, we were very  
30 homophobic, and that had probably more to do with the year,  
31 the time, how long ago it was, the fact that homosexuality  
32 wasn't openly accepted as it is now, and with boys living  
33 in close proximity to one another, it was very, very much  
34 alive and was one of the focus areas, I suppose, and  
35 because of the bullying, you would never show weakness, you  
36 would never stand in support of anything in that line or in  
37 that vein. This particular schoolteacher, housemaster just  
38 didn't have any life outside the hostel - like some of the  
39 other housemasters had girlfriends, and they went on dates  
40 and normal things. This guy didn't, and we had this - it  
41 was a bullying practice where boys went - upon your  
42 birthday, not talking about your 14th necessarily, but just  
43 any birthday, the boys would know when your birthday was,  
44 you'd get grabbed and it started with nuggets being placed,  
45 plastered on your genital area, it then went to toothpaste,  
46 and then somebody found out that Macleans burnt more than  
47 Colgate, so everybody's preference for toothpaste was

1 Macleans, but then they started using Deep Heat and  
2 Dencorub, and that hurt like hell. There was an incident  
3 that I heard about, I wasn't aware of it - like I didn't  
4 witness it myself, but where somebody used horse liniment,  
5 and the boy ended up in hospital, but this particular  
6 housemaster was taking part in this, and he took - I saw  
7 him take a photograph of a boy with his genitals exposed  
8 with a nugget and toothpaste, and he was holding the camera  
9 up high to get an angle over the top of the boys that were  
10 performing that function. And then some of the younger  
11 boys - but I do recall one boy being of the same age as me,  
12 and I do remember his name. Do you want me to give that  
13 name?  
14

15 Q. No, that will be all right, no.

16 A. Coming to me and saying that he was showing girls at  
17 the high school the photographs of these boys in this  
18 condition. Now, this is before digital photographs, so  
19 this man has had to take the photograph, get it developed  
20 through a local chemist in town, I assume, or somewhere.  
21 That's the - you know, the thing that I assumed anyway in  
22 order to get an image to show girls at the school. The  
23 boys found out when his birthday was, because it was a  
24 common practice. With me it only really happened in that  
25 first year. In the second year I won the boxing  
26 competition against the older boys, so they never tackled  
27 me again.  
28

29 Q. Well, you did say that the boys were smart?

30 A. Yes. Well, they didn't tackle me again, and I didn't  
31 really have anyone to pay back, so I didn't participate in  
32 it anymore, and that was how it went. If you got  
33 tooth-pasted, you made sure you got them back, and that was  
34 how you survived in that place. And this housemaster would  
35 partake. He took part in it and he took those photos, and  
36 when the boys found out, they grabbed him and they started  
37 to try to toothpaste him, except that his --  
38

39 HIS HONOUR: Q. This was on his birthday, was it?

40 A. This was on his birthday, yes. And he started  
41 punching and kicking extremely violently. It was always an  
42 unwritten rule that you always let it happen. You  
43 struggled a bit, you made a lot of noise, and everyone had  
44 a laugh, and you just let it happen, otherwise somebody  
45 would have got hurt, but he was hurting and I stepped in  
46 and grabbed him, grabbed him by the shirt. I pulled him up  
47 off the ground. I remember holding my fist back and I was

1 going to hit him. I have absolutely no doubt that under  
2 the Criminal Code that would have been assault, but I  
3 didn't, I paused, and he just gave up, stopped struggling  
4 and I just let him go back on the ground, turned my back on  
5 him and as I - as I've described previously, it must have  
6 been pretty humiliating for him, because he was an adult  
7 male, and I was still only a teenager, very much a  
8 teenager.  
9

10 MR URQUHART: Q. So you were fourth or fifth year at  
11 that stage?

12 A. Yes, I would have been fourth year, I'd say, at that  
13 time, and if I remember it caused a huge raucous because  
14 the boys were all talking about it, you know, because my  
15 nickname's Gorilla, "Gorilla's done this and that and the  
16 other", and, I mean, I hated - that was a form of bullying  
17 within itself, but he reported me to Wenlock, and Wenlock's  
18 called me into the office, which is marked sort of like the  
19 administration area - anyway, the end of the rec room.  
20 He's called me in there, and that's where he's had this  
21 talk to me, and he's explained to me that this man's not a  
22 boy, he's a man, you know, and exposing his genitals is not  
23 the same; and, of course, my take on it - I told him then  
24 that this guy was taking photographs and showing the girls  
25 at the school, and that if he can't take it, you don't give  
26 it, and that was the rule of thumb. That was my stance on  
27 the issue, and to my surprise that was the end of it. Roy  
28 Wenlock didn't do anything else about it. I expected to be  
29 in serious trouble over that. Nothing ever went any more,  
30 or went any further. The way he dealt with it, it died a  
31 death.  
32

33 Q. And the housemaster, was he able to continue?

34 A. He continued, but he certainly didn't partake in the  
35 tooth-pasting and the nuggeting after that.  
36

37 Q. Now, obviously that particular teacher condoned this  
38 sort of activity by the boys?

39 A. Yes.  
40

41 Q. What about the warden, Roy Wenlock?

42 A. Yes, it happened in Wenlock's appearance. I mean,  
43 obviously the boy that ended up in hospital, he knew all  
44 about that. There was other instances because you needed  
45 to wash it off as quickly as you could because it burnt, so  
46 you needed to go to the shower, you needed to use those  
47 facilities. It happened in front of him, but I don't

1 recall it ever happening in front of Mrs Logan, but I know  
2 that she was aware it happened.  
3  
4 Q. And can you recall what the reaction was --  
5 A. It was tolerated --  
6  
7 Q. -- by Roy Wenlock?  
8 A. It was tolerated. It was simply part of it because it  
9 was the boys getting back their own because they'd had it  
10 done to them.  
11  
12 HIS HONOUR: I think I should say of my knowledge in the  
13 1950s and 1960s, the practice of so-called nuggeting was  
14 very common amongst all schools.  
15  
16 MR URQUHART: Right.  
17  
18 THE WITNESS: As it certainly was in my day at high  
19 school, yes.  
20  
21 MR URQUHART: Okay.  
22  
23 Q. But it continued even after the horse liniment  
24 incident?  
25 A. It did. Like I say, I certainly allowed it to happen  
26 as a prefect, but I didn't take part because I didn't have  
27 to square up any more with anyone.  
28  
29 Q. But horse liniment was banned, I gather?  
30 A. Yes, horse liniment was off the radar. That was  
31 unfair.  
32  
33 Q. Only Macleans toothpaste was as bad as it got?  
34 A. It was bad enough. There was still Deep Heat. They  
35 still use Deep Heat. That was - I don't recommend that one  
36 either.  
37  
38 Q. Okay. Detective, if I can ask you something about Roy  
39 Wenlock. Firstly, what was his appearance, can you recall?  
40 A. He was a very large physical man, particularly to, you  
41 know, to boys. He always had that presence, sort of larger  
42 than life. He maintains a fair degree of fitness because  
43 of - as a football umpire he used to maintain - you know,  
44 keep up with the play; cricket umpire, those type of  
45 things, and as your coach, but that was only up to third  
46 year though. The under-15s, basically, competition was  
47 his, you know. That was St Christopher's House's domain in

1 the football. It was up to 15.

2

3 Q. So apart from running the hostel, did he have any  
4 other interests within the Northam community?

5 A. Yes, he did. He was a very big player with rotary,  
6 and he used to take us regularly to the Reparatory Club  
7 plays, such as 'Paint Your Wagon', and those sorts. I  
8 remember going to those with a group of people that he had  
9 organised, and took all the boys that he took. He also  
10 took us to rock festivals at the cathedral here in Perth.  
11 I remember going to two of those. They were a very -  
12 what's the word, flavoursome or - the thing of the day --

13

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. -- back then. Took me to Albany in his car, with the  
16 other boys, to a hostel down there. I'm pretty sure it was  
17 Albany. I don't think it was Katanning.

18

19 Q. No.

20 A. I'm pretty sure it was Albany. But like lots of  
21 other things, we did fundraising, we picked up rubbish from  
22 the side of the road to raise money for football and  
23 amenities at the hostel and things like that; so, you know,  
24 he was very much involved in the - in the town community,  
25 yes.

26

27 Q. And, therefore, can you say something about his  
28 reputation then within the community at the time that you  
29 were there?

30 A. Yes. It was very much the - a prominent figure in the  
31 community, and made himself out to be that, and spoke  
32 openly and was proud of it. He had also a reputation even  
33 at the hostel in regard to looking after the boys in  
34 another way. There was this conflict between the townies  
35 and the hut boys. This is an incident that had occurred  
36 before I got there, but the reputation flowed on to me,  
37 where there's one footbridge that goes between the two  
38 traffic bridges across the Avon in Northam. That  
39 footbridge was narrow, and the townies would pick on the  
40 hut boys - vulnerable hut boys, not the bigger guys - at  
41 that bridge, and Wenlock selected some of the hut boys, and  
42 went and repaid the favour and turfed them - excuse my  
43 language - but into the swan shit, where the swans roost in  
44 the Avon, and that seemed to have cured that problem, but  
45 as young kids there we were still very watchful of the  
46 townies because of the - of this conflict, or ever ongoing  
47 conflict between townies and the hut boys.

1  
2 Q. So we'll go back. When you mentioned the trip down to  
3 - you think it was Albany --  
4 A. Yes.  
5  
6 Q. -- Hostel?  
7 A. Yes.  
8  
9 Q. So you and a number of other boys went?  
10 A. Yes.  
11  
12 Q. And who did the driving on that occasion?  
13 A. One of the boys did the driving, and I remember  
14 Wenlock commenting, you know, how safe a driver he was. I  
15 know the boy was - all of the boys in that car were  
16 involved in the wrestling with Wenlock.  
17  
18 HIS HONOUR: Q. Did the boy have a licence?  
19 A. He did have a licence, yes, P plates up, and that was  
20 towards the finish. My birthday was later in the year, so  
21 I was only 16, but some of the boys turned 17 that year and  
22 had their P plates, and Wenlock would assist them in  
23 getting their licence.  
24  
25 MR URQUHART: Q. And it was Wenlock's car?  
26 A. It was Wenlock's green Statesman yes.  
27  
28 Q. Did he have a rule regarding attending church?  
29 A. Yes, everyone had to attend church. There was no  
30 excuses for that.  
31  
32 HIS HONOUR: Q. And was it the Anglican Church or any  
33 church?  
34 A. No, Anglican Church.  
35  
36 Q. Everyone had to go to the Anglican Church?  
37 A. Everyone had to go to the Anglican Church. And he  
38 took prayer every evening, and he also took grace. On the  
39 occasions - on some of the occasions he took prayer, he  
40 wore robes, religious robes.  
41  
42 Q. In the hostel, do you mean, or in church?  
43 A. No, like white and gold with a - like a - almost like  
44 a sash. I can't describe the rank or wherever, you know.  
45  
46 Q. So when you say "he took prayers" - that was in the  
47 hostel?

1 A. At the hostel itself.  
2  
3 Q. Right.  
4 A. But he also helped in the services at the church  
5 itself as well.  
6  
7 MR URQUHART: Q. And would he frock up for that as well?  
8 A. Yes, frocked up for that and would take the - hold the  
9 cup for communion and things like that, yes.  
10  
11 Q. Now, you mentioned how he was prominent within the  
12 community?  
13 A. Yes.  
14  
15 Q. Were you able to observe how the - how the parents  
16 viewed him?  
17 A. Yes. He always made a very strong, clean cut, ethical  
18 appearance to the parents, and I can recall my parents  
19 saying to me several times, "We'll have to tell Wenlock",  
20 and, "We'll have to do this", and the reason it sticks in  
21 your mind is when you're on holidays away from that place,  
22 you never thought about it, you try not to think about it  
23 and, you know, you were home, you were in the country, you  
24 were back on the farm, you were chasing rabbits and  
25 whatever you did as a kid, and the last place you thought  
26 about was the hostel.  
27  
28 Q. Can I ask you something now, detective, regarding the  
29 discipline --  
30 A. Yes.  
31  
32 Q. -- that Roy Wenlock had at this hostel? Is it fair to  
33 say to you he was a strict disciplinarian?  
34 A. Yes, he was. And, I mean, at primary school I  
35 remember getting the cane, but it was with a cane. This  
36 was a straightened out piece of plastic hula hoop, and it  
37 hurt like hell. And across the fingers, even at that age I  
38 could tolerate it. Across the backside, across the bum, it  
39 hurt like hell, but I recall an incident - I got the cane  
40 for smoking, I got the cane, I think, for chucking rocks, I  
41 got the - I can't really recall too many other incidents  
42 where I got the cane, but there was one incident in the  
43 first year dormitory when I was 12, when we had a boy who -  
44 I don't know how to say this - he used to wet the bed and  
45 he on occasions would defecate in his bed, and  
46 unfortunately that's when the matron would end up having to  
47 change the bed sheets to try and save his embarrassment.

1 And some of the boys ended up in a rather bullying attack  
2 on that boy, caused a commotion, to which Wenlock responded  
3 and insisted on the boys providing the culprits, and  
4 everybody refused to talk so he started caning, and we just  
5 kept on walking through and getting onto the back of the  
6 line until he gave up, so I think probably on that occasion  
7 I would have ended up being hit about a good dozen times.

8  
9 HIS HONOUR: Q. And how many boys went through that  
10 process?

11 A. In that dormitory?

12  
13 Q. Yes.

14 A. There would have been close to 25 to 30 boys just  
15 continually going through the cycle, all except the boy  
16 that used to wet the bed.

17  
18 MR URQUHART: Q. And would that be on the hands or on  
19 the backside.

20 A. It was on the hands on that occasion, yes.

21  
22 Q. When you got caned on the backside, were you allowed  
23 to keep your shorts or your pants on?

24 A. No, no, you were - you had your strides down in order  
25 to get that. I do recall an incident - this is later on  
26 though, and I probably would have been third - no, probably  
27 fourth year, where a boy had gone home with some really bad  
28 whip marks from this cane, from this straightened-out hula  
29 hoop across the backside, and I recall there being a rather  
30 large confrontation with their parents and him, and it  
31 seemed to - the degree or the amount of canings seemed to  
32 drop away after that incident.

33  
34 HIS HONOUR: Q. What year would that have been, do you  
35 think?

36 A. Probably 1971, '70/'71, sir.

37  
38 HIS HONOUR: Right.

39  
40 MR URQUHART: Q. And when you say you had to drop your  
41 strides, were you allowed to keep your underpants on?

42 A. No, it was a naked - your naked backside.

43  
44 Q. Now, of course, detective, corporal punishment has  
45 been banned now for a number of years. We're talking about  
46 the late '60s, early '70s here.

47 A. Yes.

1  
2 Q. Given the time, are you able to say anything about  
3 whether this was excessive or the norm? Back then, how  
4 would you rate it? Was it justified given that --  
5 A. To me I was raised by a fairly, very strict father,  
6 and he kept me alive, thank goodness, because some of the  
7 things I used to do probably warranted that degree of  
8 discipline. It's just the facts, unfortunately. I was  
9 something of a tearaway, and on a farm, you know, I used to  
10 play with explosives and get caught and the old man would  
11 thrash me, and he kept me alive. Whereas others in  
12 neighbouring properties were less fortunate - they had  
13 limbs missing mucking around with that stuff.  
14  
15 Q. Right.  
16 A. So, you know, I think in the majority when I got there  
17 I felt pretty much like I deserved it.  
18  
19 Q. I see.  
20 A. You know. In reflection now, of course, doing what  
21 I do, he would have been charged 20 times over with that  
22 degree of force, so would my father. It was definitely  
23 without shadow of a doubt child abuse and in the strict  
24 definition of child abuse it would have been child abuse  
25 then as well as - yes.  
26  
27 Q. Is that your opinion now?  
28 A. Absolutely, absolutely.  
29  
30 Q. Now, Detective, I want to take you now to a time when  
31 you were in first year at school, so year 8, 1968.  
32 A. Yes, we refer to it first year high school when I was  
33 - yes.  
34  
35 Q. You were 12, turning 13 towards the end of that year;  
36 is that right?  
37 A. End of that year, yes.  
38  
39 Q. Can you recall occasions regarding invitations to Roy  
40 Wenlock's flats?  
41 A. Yes. My cousin, who was older than me, the same age  
42 as my older sister, came to the hostel in that same year  
43 and he invited me to go to Wenlock's flat.  
44  
45 HIS HONOUR: Q. So what year was that, sorry?  
46 A. That was 1968.  
47

1 Q. 1968.  
2 A. I'd only - more or less I'd turned 12 towards the end  
3 of the year before and so, yes. 1968 and it was early 1968  
4 too. I hadn't been at school very long at all.  
5  
6 MR URQUHART: Q. Can you recall what time of the day  
7 this was?  
8 A. In the evening. It was in the evening, it was dark.  
9 I went to - with my cousin to his flat and the light -  
10 I just remember the lighting inside being dim and stripping  
11 down to our underpants - jocks - and Wenlock was down to  
12 his jocks. There was some real wrestle, not much but he  
13 got - I remember Paul was a bit like - built like me and  
14 the next thing Wenlock was again - when I say "again", was  
15 on his back asking us to squeeze under his arms on this  
16 muscle here (witness indicates) with both their hands.  
17  
18 Q. So you just demonstrated there yourself.  
19 A. Yes.  
20  
21 Q. Where exactly was this?  
22 A. This muscle here (witness indicates) and --  
23  
24 Q. It being the front of your armpit?  
25 A. Yes. And you would have to squeeze there (witness  
26 indicates) and, you know, I --  
27  
28 HIS HONOUR: Q. Was that squeezing hard or just hanging  
29 on?  
30 A. Hard as you could.  
31  
32 Q. As hard as you could?  
33 A. Yes, absolutely, and I can recall late -  
34 this is later on because I was obviously by then far more -  
35 far bigger and far stronger too and bruising, having, you  
36 know, absolute like abrasions and bruising like haematomas  
37 on that muscle.  
38  
39 Q. On him?  
40 A. On him, yes, that's right.  
41  
42 Q. He wanted you to do that?  
43 A. He did and he had the moaning and groaning. I think  
44 without a doubt that he derived some pleasure from that as  
45 well.  
46  
47 MR URQUHART: Q. So he's not on his back --

1 A. Yes.  
2  
3 Q. -- during this. You're straddling him?  
4 A. Straddled across him and you're leaning forward and  
5 gripping those two muscles like this and he would try to  
6 buck you off but he was - I know now obviously, as I knew  
7 later, that he was thrusting his penis between my buttocks.  
8  
9 Q. Both still though wearing your underwear?  
10 A. Both still wearing underwear, yes  
11  
12 HIS HONOUR: Q. When you say he's thrusting his penis  
13 between your buttocks, you could feel it, could you?  
14 A. Yes, I could, sir, without a doubt and then later on -  
15 it was later on that I realised that he was orgasming. Not  
16 on this first occasion so --  
17  
18 Q. So you could feel his erect penis?  
19 A. Yes, absolutely, yes. It wasn't overly big, as far as  
20 his penis went, but it was definitely erect, yes.  
21  
22 MR URQUHART: Q. You have mentioned later on?  
23 A. Yes.  
24  
25 Q. So this happened more than once?  
26 A. Yes. I've - it is very, very much that I've  
27 suppressed it but having recalled that I've only ever and  
28 am only ever talking about what I can specifically  
29 particularise, what I - I need to draw that distinction  
30 because --  
31  
32 HIS HONOUR: Q. Do you have any problems with the memory  
33 of it?  
34 A. No, I don't have any problem with those instances but  
35 when I know that he orgasmed, and I say he orgasmed twice  
36 and I only have a clear recollection - a clear recollection  
37 - of that - of it happening twice but I know it happened  
38 far often - more often than that. It definitely happened  
39 more often than that but I can't give you enough detail to  
40 say that on this occasion this happened or something else  
41 odd happened in regard to it, I can't do that.  
42  
43 Q. So just putting this in context: approximately how  
44 many times did this sort of event occur to you?  
45 A. The orgasming I can specifically remember two  
46 incidents.  
47

1 Q. I mean the wrestling now, I mean.  
2 A. The actual wrestling, yes, the - I remember at least  
3 20 times after having gone there with my two cousins,  
4 because there was two cousins that I went with, not just  
5 the first one. The first cousin left in that first year in  
6 '68. He hated Snoz's guts - and that was his nickname -  
7 and I had a conversation with him in 1974. We were sitting  
8 in a van in Kwinana and that's when I found out that he had  
9 introduced me to Snoz in that manner to protect himself and  
10 then he left the hostel altogether. I ended up inviting my  
11 second cousin who was in the same year as me to those  
12 wrestling sessions but not for that reason, I wasn't  
13 vindictive like my first cousin, who I still get on really  
14 well with, I might add, but not for that reason but I would  
15 have gone five or six times with my - around about that  
16 number, anyway - with my second cousin.

17  
18 Q. So over how many years did you have this wrestling  
19 sessions with Wenlock?

20 A. Five years.

21  
22 Q. For the whole five years?

23 A. The whole five years that I was there. The only time  
24 that it actually got less was when I was studying for my  
25 junior in third year and then towards the finish of my  
26 fifth year studying for the leaving and matriculation.

27  
28 Q. What about the hostel, approximately how frequently  
29 would these wrestling sessions occur?

30 A. That's the hardest part. You know, I can recall there  
31 - going once a week for a short period of time, as  
32 regularly as that, but I do know that there were many other  
33 boys because we spoke about it. The boys within our cells  
34 spoke to one another about it but because of the homophobic  
35 nature of it we - it was only ever wrestling. That's how  
36 we spoke to - about it, but I just automatically assumed  
37 that all of the other boys that were going to his place  
38 were experiencing the same thing as me and that stayed with  
39 us even until recently. That's exactly how we spoke about  
40 it and how we dealt with it.

41  
42 MR URQUHART: Q. Would he have a pretext for inviting  
43 you to his unit?

44 A. It was "Come for a wrestling".

45  
46 Q. So that was it?

47 A. That was it, yes. I didn't - haven't heard this

1 "bruting", I didn't - it was never referred to as "bruting"  
2 to my recollection when I was there but I can understand  
3 where that came from now, after listening to your opening  
4 address.

5

6 Q. Can you recall how long these wrestling sessions would  
7 last for?

8 A. Sometimes up to an hour, yes.

9

10 HIS HONOUR: Q. So you would be straddling him for an  
11 hour?

12 A. Up to an hour, yes.

13

14 Q. No change in what was happening?

15 A. No and that's where this bruising came from and it was  
16 after - I know that he orgasmed because he'd have to stop  
17 and wipe himself off and it was - he'd lose interest in it  
18 after that, other than showing affection to me. Yes,  
19 showing affection to me and almost trying to hold you close  
20 and things like that, just at the point of or after orgasm.  
21 So I knew that that's what he was doing and I knew that he  
22 was deriving sexual pleasure from it.

23

24 MR URQUHART: Q. How would this then finish?

25 A. I can't - I remember having cool drinks and cold  
26 drinks with my cousins. I can't really remember doing it  
27 on my own and I can remember just wanting to get the hell  
28 out of there and I don't remember leaving but I can recall,  
29 say, I'd sneak into my bed and other boys asking me whether  
30 I'd been for a wrestle with Snoz, yes. But when I  
31 (indistinct) the dormitory of my own it wasn't unusual as a  
32 prefect (indistinct) and start to go and have tea and  
33 coffee. That was one of the privileges that you were  
34 allowed to have. So you were allowed to go down to the  
35 dining area, to the kitchen and help yourself to the  
36 prefects' biscuits and teas and that was - I used to bring  
37 biscuits back to the young boys in my dorm.

38

39 Q. Did you ever say no when he would invite you to have a  
40 wrestle in his unit?

41 A. No, but I did try to invite my cousin. I can remember  
42 him asking me not to do that

43

44 HIS HONOUR: Q. They were very different times. At the  
45 time did it seem wrong to you what you'd seen?

46 A. I knew it was wrong. I know inherently that it was  
47 wrong and, you know, I've cross-analysed myself, I've had

1 therapy and things like this in regard to this and as a  
2 result of the effect that it had on me in my job and I have  
3 been able to, probably for the last 20 of odd years, kick  
4 this around, talk about it, talk about it quite openly and  
5 analyse myself as to why I didn't come forward and I really  
6 can't give you an answer for that. I felt confident that  
7 he had been what we call "outed" and that they - the  
8 authorities - knew and that future boys would be protected.  
9 So my sense of justice and my sense of, you know, the  
10 public interest and all of that was, you know, appeased.  
11

12 Q. You're in a position to offer a unique insight because  
13 of your present experience.

14 A. Yes.

15  
16 Q. Looking back to when this was happening to you and you  
17 knew it was wrong, why didn't you complain?

18 A. I think probably because it's a closed system and  
19 I think maybe, see, he might have an ideal opportunity  
20 because it's a five-year period that you just had to  
21 survive and having survived it, you know, it was "I don't  
22 want to think about it" and I didn't think about it until  
23 an incident occurred to me in my job where I took out  
24 almost rage on a paedophile and so I had to actually go and  
25 seek help as to why and where this came from, where this  
26 anger came from and it was only then that I ended up  
27 realising that I - I hate the word but I had this "V"  
28 stamped in the middle of my forehead that I in actual fact  
29 was a victim of child sexual abuse. I denied it and denied  
30 it and yet I was talking openly with boys that had been  
31 through exactly the same incident, you know. It's a  
32 self-denial, self-protection mechanism.  
33

34 Q. So you don't branded as a victim?

35 A. That's exactly right, and the homophobia side of it,  
36 it certainly played a big part with me and I - I'm open  
37 and, you know, more than tolerable. It's not an issue with  
38 me anymore or anything like that but it certainly was then.  
39

40 Q. The sense I get from a number of victims of Dennis  
41 McKenna is that you are going to be branded as a victim  
42 because you feel like damaged goods.

43 A. Yes. You don't grow two heads. The law does treat  
44 this to some degree - and I don't mean this in a bad way  
45 but with De Jesus's decision from Fremantle and things like  
46 that where, you know, there is this need to keep your  
47 victims apart so that you don't - the evidence isn't

1 tainted and things like this. It's not simply because I've  
2 become a victim that my ethics are out the door. I'm not  
3 going to change my evidence and say something different  
4 simply because I talked to another victim or anything like  
5 that but, of course, because it happened to me, I'm the  
6 person that's in the spotlight. Because I'm the person  
7 that it happened to, I'm the person that people look at to  
8 see "Is he telling the truth? Is what he's doing, you  
9 know, for the right reasons" and things like this, whereas  
10 I stand on my ethics, you know or I've always tried to do  
11 that and I've had this sense of justice. Because I was  
12 raised in a small country town, because of everybody looked  
13 out for one another, you could leave your car unlocked and  
14 nobody would pinch it and if somebody was in a hard time  
15 then everybody pitched in and helped and that was the  
16 community in which I was raised and that, you know, puts me  
17 in good stead but I was very socially inept when I first  
18 went to high school. I've thought about what would have  
19 helped people report - boys like me report. I can say that  
20 the redress issue wouldn't have made any difference to me.  
21 Didn't compensate financially -

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23  
24

25 Q. The redress, the scheme?

26 A. Yes, the redress scheme that finished in 2009 did have  
27 the hostels and I didn't know that it did anyway. None of  
28 the boys that I'd spoken to knew that it did. It might,  
29 for argument's sake, make a difference to people giving  
30 evidence against individuals like this if a scheme like  
31 that was introduced or continued because we do reward  
32 information for armed robberies, we reward information with  
33 regard to drug couriers. You can ring Crime Stoppers and  
34 get paid a reward but you must report for criminal injuries  
35 compensation within three years for one of these crimes or,  
36 alternatively, have been wise enough to have been involved  
37 in the redress scheme and made your application by 2009.  
38 So like I said, it wouldn't have prompted me to come  
39 forward but it may have made a difference to others and  
40 instead of getting information you might in actual fact get  
41 evidence and, as I say, we ignore them because it's a  
42 closed bucket, it's not like the Bropho DNA bucket -  
43 fishing in a bucket, this is a closed end and because  
44 there's no criminal charges stemming from it I think there  
45 might be an ideal opportunity to actually get a  
46 quantitative figure on the reporting rates of boys. I  
47 think that's our problem because we have a fairly accurate

1 estimation on girls and they tend to report far more often  
2 because the perpetrators are boys or men but boy-on-boy we  
3 have a very low reporting rate and I think it's very  
4 underreported and I think the opportunity exists maybe with  
5 Northam because you know who went there, you know who the  
6 potential victims are, that we could turn around and even  
7 do a male survey or something like that and have the boys -  
8 the men now - give some indication which of them were  
9 affected, which of them it happened to and, you know,  
10 collectively I think that there's a lot of boys there that  
11 would come up with some really good ideas as to what the  
12 community could do to conduct the problem because where I  
13 work - sorry to go on but from where I work, it only works  
14 on convictions. I can only risk assess somebody on  
15 conviction and unless they get reported and unless they get  
16 convicted I can't risk assess them and I can't turn around  
17 and put this whole process into operation. It's highly  
18 successful at reducing the recidivist rate. It's highly  
19 successful at placing all of these resources to bear and  
20 focussing on the very high-risk individuals but it doesn't  
21 work for those that we don't know of. We can't invade  
22 their rights and we can't turn around and force them to  
23 report and control their behaviour for the protection of  
24 the community without a higher reporting rate.

25  
26 Q. Well, that's very helpful but I'm afraid I've taken you from  
27 far away from what Mr Urquhart was asking you.

28 A. Sorry.

29  
30 MR URQUHART: Q. Detective, can I ask you - it seems  
31 like you were a student different to the others, in the  
32 sense that you had a bigger build and everything and you --

33 A. Yes.

34  
35 Q. -- took on that house master regarding the nuggeting  
36 incident.

37 A. Yes.

38  
39 Q. Can you offer any explanation as to why it was that  
40 you didn't assert your authority with respect to what  
41 Roy Wenlock was doing to you?

42 A. Yes. No, it was his position. His position of  
43 control over me and the fact that I was conditioned from a  
44 very vulnerable age right the way through and I have  
45 absolutely no doubt it was his position in the community,  
46 the reinforcement from my own parents and their opinion of  
47 him that had a significant impact upon me not coming

1 forward. Even as a detective, yes.  
2  
3 Q. Does that also extend to you not resisting him on any  
4 of these occasions?  
5 A. Yes. There were occasions where I've had comments  
6 like "Let's just wrestle", you know, "If you want to  
7 wrestle, let's just wrestle". This - excuse me - bullshit  
8 about under the arm, you know, but no, it would always come  
9 back to that.  
10  
11 Q. So you'd end up always having the --  
12 A. End up always squeezing under the arms.  
13  
14 Q. And it was always the same thing, he would ask you to  
15 squeeze as hard as you could?  
16 A. Yes, and there was - the sound effects or, you know -  
17 I've studied - I'm trained under the film classification,  
18 so I do have to sit through pornography - child pornography  
19 and things like this and I can tell you it was - sometimes  
20 it was exactly like a B-rate porno movie.  
21  
22 HIS HONOUR: Q. It's a terrible thing to say but he's  
23 really using it as a masturbatory tool?  
24 A. Yes, yes. I would suggest, sir, that where he didn't  
25 orgasm he had - we'd been ushered out, which is probably  
26 why I don't recall, and he would masturbate to completion  
27 after we'd gone. That's just knowing what I know now.  
28  
29 MR URQUHART: Q. You indicated on the plan, which is  
30 exhibit 113, where the shower block was.  
31 A. Yes.  
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33 Q. Are you able to tell us something about Roy Wenlock's  
34 conduct regarding showers?  
35 A. Yes. He had a student roll and when you came in for a  
36 shower you got ticked off and he would - that was inside  
37 the shower block. The shower block was consisted of just  
38 one straight concrete room, shower roses coming out on the  
39 left-hand side of maybe up to eight to a dozen and a bench  
40 and it was all open. So you'd come in there, you'd  
41 happening your robe up, stand there naked waiting for the  
42 next guy to finish washing himself, so you had three  
43 minutes. So you did your hair, did your bits, got out,  
44 changed. Shower wouldn't get turned off, shower would just  
45 go next line - next lad would just go in. Whilst this  
46 other lot would be drying and then getting dressed and then  
47 out and he supervised that whole entire process and of

1 course it used to cause me some embarrassment because, you  
2 know, you're young males and you'd end up semi-erect  
3 yourself or whatever else in the morning and you'd end up  
4 the subject of everybody's chatter because you were bigger  
5 than the other boys. So you'd end up - so not ridiculed  
6 but, you know, it just was one of those factors.

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8 Q. But Roy would not be present in the shower room?

9 A. He was in the shower block the whole entire time.  
10 When Mr Temby did it, he sat outside. He sat outside the  
11 shower block and - when Wenlock couldn't do it and he would  
12 tick you off.

13

14 Q. So the question was going to be was there any reason  
15 for the house master or the warden doing the ticking off;  
16 any reason why that would have to be inside the shower  
17 block?

18 A. Wenlock used to explain it and it was not because  
19 I asked, he used to say that it was to make sure they  
20 washed, the boys washed, they only took their three minutes  
21 and, you know, hygiene, yes.

22

23 Q. Was that accepted as a reasonable explanation by you?

24 A. You didn't have any choice and so therefore it really  
25 wasn't something that was up to us. They'd even - we used  
26 to kind of talk about it and I suppose whinge about it  
27 amongst ourselves but there wasn't anything you could do  
28 about it, so.

29

30 Q. Was Roy Wenlock apparently effeminate in any way that  
31 you noticed?

32 A. No, I didn't notice that. He didn't reflect that, no.

33

34 Q. In fact, you recall an occasion when you and another  
35 student went to an apartment or unit that he had here in  
36 the Perth metropolitan area?

37 A. Yes, so it was a house and I get the impression mind  
38 you, from the country, wouldn't know one suburb of Perth at  
39 that time from the other but in reflection I think it was  
40 around Bassendean somewhere and he was seen - obvious that  
41 he was trying - he'd place these things on display and it  
42 was a --

43

44 Q. So this is while you were a student?

45 A. Yes, while I was a student, yes.

46

47 Q. Can you recall why it was that you were at his house?

1 A. No. I - we picked something up, something like that  
2 but I honestly can't say exactly what it was  
3

4 HIS HONOUR: Q. So it was his house, was it?

5 A. As far as I know it was his house. He said it was.  
6 What I did see was a wedding photograph and this  
7 superimposed image of Roy Wenlock in the place of the groom  
8 but it was so poorly done that I know - you know  
9 straightaway there's no way in the world that he was the  
10 groom in that photograph and, you know, the technology that  
11 existed then it wasn't even a really good attempt, I don't  
12 think, but needless to say that's exactly what it was and  
13 I think that he was deliberately trying to show us for some  
14 reason - the other boy that I was with at that time was  
15 also one of the boys that he wrestled with regularly. He's  
16 had a terrible time with it since, that was the same.  
17

18 MR URQUHART: Q. Was that in a prominent place in his  
19 house?

20 A. Yes, prominent place and there was more than one. I  
21 remember seeing about three of them. One of them was in a  
22 frame but I remember opening a wardrobe - I don't know why  
23 I opened a wardrobe but I did - and there was a copy of the  
24 same photograph in the wardrobe but, you know, I would have  
25 expected that he knew that I would have opened that  
26 wardrobe for a reason, so.  
27

28 Q. You recall that how since then you've discussed with  
29 your other students or your fellow students regarding his  
30 behaviour and do you recall such an occasion in 1973 when  
31 you were at university?

32 A. Yes, I was at UWA. I was at Kingswood College and  
33 there was quite a few of the boys at Kingswood and the  
34 different - St. George's and various other colleges and  
35 Roy Wenlock had had a heart attack, we got to hear that he  
36 had had a heart attack and there was a party convened that  
37 night and it was for that occasion and it was - the rule  
38 was that if anyone said "Snoz had had a heart attack" you  
39 had to skull your drink, finish your drink, drain it and  
40 the feeling of camaraderie that existed at that party  
41 between the boys was almost therapeutic, unfortunately, but  
42 it was very much like that because it was a shared  
43 experience, it was the boys that were there. Everybody  
44 assumed everybody else had been in these wrestling matches  
45 with Snoz and even the boys that hadn't been had the  
46 sympathy for the boys because they knew about it as well.  
47 So it was very much a shared experience and that has

1 certainly stuck with me for a long time.  
2  
3 Q. Detective, do you also recall an occasion in the early  
4 1980s regarding a reunion?  
5 A. Yes, I do.  
6  
7 Q. A hostel reunion?  
8 A. Thinking back on that, it may very well have been the  
9 late 80s.  
10  
11 Q. Late 80s, right.  
12 A. Yes, late 80s. To try and get it into a better  
13 perspective, I was - I've been married three times, so I  
14 was with my second wife. So that's how I was able to say  
15 probably late 80s.  
16  
17 Q. Okay, then. So was this a reunion for the hostel or  
18 was it a school reunion, can you recall?  
19 A. It was - definitely had part to do with the school but  
20 it was a hostel combined because I - we went to the school  
21 as well and I certainly recall running into some - an old  
22 girlfriend, for argument's sake, that was never at the Hut,  
23 she was at the school when we were there - that the -  
24 the greater incident that occurred on that occasion was at  
25 the hostel when Wenlock approached me.  
26  
27 Q. So the gathering went to the hostel at some stage?  
28 A. Yes, we were in the rec room.  
29  
30 Q. Yes.  
31 A. In the rec room was the citizenship awards. I got the  
32 junior with my cousin and I got the senior citizenship  
33 award and they were on the wall and my second wife was with  
34 me as well as my second cousin and his wife and a group of  
35 other boys that we hadn't caught up with one another for  
36 quite some time but of course I didn't go there with the  
37 intention of catching up with Wenlock.  
38  
39 Q. You saw him there?  
40 A. He approached me and in front of my wife apologised to  
41 me and said that he was - what he was doing was - part of  
42 the therapy or part of his counselling that he was  
43 receiving in regard to his conduct at the hostel, which to  
44 me reaffirmed the fact that he had been outed. I believed  
45 he'd been charged and it reaffirmed that to me and - but,  
46 you know, I was just caught on the hop. I didn't - wasn't  
47 able to react like I might have reacted, which might have -

1 I don't know how I would have exactly but I wasn't able to  
2 because it just was over and it was done and then the whole  
3 - excuse me - the whole bloody reunion ended up just being  
4 about him and when I think back it was just about him, you  
5 know and that wasn't the purpose I'd been there - I went  
6 there

7

8 HIS HONOUR: Q. What were the words of his apology; do  
9 you remember?

10 A. Something along the lines of "Sorry, C" and "Sorry for  
11 having" - he was very --

12

13 HIS HONOUR: I'm going to direct that the word - the name  
14 you just used, your own name gets struck out of the  
15 transcript.

16

17 MR URQUHART: Yes.

18

19 THE WITNESS: Yes. Thank you. Sorry about that. It was  
20 very direct and it was - I believed it was a genuine  
21 attempt but now on reflection from what I now understand it  
22 might --

23

24 HIS HONOUR: Q. Did he describe what he was apologising  
25 for?

26 A. It was automatically known. I automatically knew he  
27 was apologising for.

28

29 Q. But he himself didn't put that into words?

30 A. He did describe the reason he was getting the therapy.  
31 The conversation was very short though, but I was left with  
32 no doubt at all what he was apologising for and it was  
33 certainly his sexual conduct with me, yes. The exact  
34 words, no, I can't repeat.

35

36 MR URQUHART: Q. In your conversations that you had with  
37 your fellow hostel students over the years since you've  
38 left the school, have some actually stated to you that they  
39 believe that Roy Wenlock has done more good than harm?

40 A. Yes, they have.

41

42 Q. And they explained to --

43 A. It was pretty common. It surprised me.

44

45 Q. Have they explained to you why they hold that view?

46 A. I think - and the discussion doesn't stop there,  
47 generally it goes on "I'm not going to tell my family,

1 I don't want my wife to know and I think that he did more  
2 good than harm anyway", it's more or less like that, so.

3

4 Q. Are these ex-students who were subjected to his  
5 wrestling?

6 A. Yes. One in particular that was with me, yes,  
7 definitely. The "more good than harm", you know, doesn't  
8 wash with me. Particularly, obviously, knowing what I know  
9 now and the fact that probably I have the advantage in  
10 regard to them and as much that I've been able to kick this  
11 around and put it in the open and not let it tie me down  
12 for a long time now, after having counselling. After I  
13 caught a guy taking boys into the toilets at the  
14 Royal Show.

15

16 Q. Are you aware whether other ex-students have also had  
17 to undertake counselling?

18 A. I do believe that's the case and it would be purely  
19 hearsay --

20

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. -- because I've also heard about suicides and that  
23 type of thing and I would have thought that with this  
24 closed bucket idea that I was talking about earlier on,  
25 there may very well be that that would be the evidence that  
26 you could extract from boys that are aware of not just  
27 suicide notes but from them - their conversation between us  
28 all, because generally speaking you have some confidante  
29 and there is somebody that you're able to talk to and, you  
30 know, I'm aware - or I've been told at least of one suicide  
31 that I know - a boy that I know that was one of Wenlock's  
32 wrestling partners who went into, you know, fairly deep  
33 depression and suicided.

34

35 Q. You have mentioned there when you were recounting that  
36 reunion in the recreation centre you referred to some  
37 citizenship awards that you had won?

38 A. Yes.

39

40 Q. What's your view about those? Do you take pride in --

41 A. Not anymore I don't. I accept that - I mean,  
42 I certainly without a doubt did a lot of things, like mark  
43 the football oval out, and did the extra yards and things  
44 like that for the running of the place, and did that from  
45 the very - fairly young age, even second year high school.  
46 I started that sort of thing, but to me now it sullied - to  
47 me I was given those awards by Wenlock because it seemed to

1 me that I was his favourite, and was collected for, you  
2 know, maybe this special attention. And either way, I look  
3 back at it now very much along the lines that it was  
4 nothing that you should highlight, it shouldn't be  
5 highlighted. In actual fact, everything that stems from it  
6 is tainted and shouldn't be held up in any light at all, or  
7 given any credence whatsoever because it's destructive.

8  
9 Q. Now, detective, have you observed the manner in which  
10 Roy Wenlock presented himself to the community? Have you  
11 seen similarities from your work with --

12 A. Yes.

13  
14 Q. -- sex offenders?

15 A. Paedophiles - there's a massive difference between the  
16 profile of a prolific - some of these offenders - am I able  
17 to name offenders?

18  
19 HIS HONOUR: If they've been convicted, yes.

20  
21 THE WITNESS: They have been. Mark Pendleton, for  
22 argument's sake then, sir, would be one of the most  
23 prolific female offenders against female children, but his  
24 cycle of offending, and the cycling is significantly  
25 important when you analyse these individuals, but when you  
26 have the Otto Darcy-Searles of the world, soccer coach, up  
27 to 500 victims, and you see the research through Queensland  
28 with Ferguson in Queensland, of people like that, who have  
29 in excess of 100 victims, these people are not the typical  
30 groomer or person that suffers from depression, alcohol,  
31 grooming a child in the cyclic nature around to offending.  
32 These people set about obtaining the children. Mark  
33 Pendleton is a pre-primary school teacher who was offending  
34 prior to becoming that, prior to going into a 10 year plan  
35 to become a school teacher, to ultimately end up offending  
36 against hundreds of children. You know, probably the  
37 State's - as far as risk of reoffending, is so high.  
38 McKechnie J recently ruled - I think in January of this  
39 year - that Mark Pendleton might very well die in gaol.  
40 His risk of reoffending is that high. Those individuals  
41 don't need to turn around and go through the cyclic nature.  
42 It is just part of their nature, and that's different  
43 studies have classified five different categories of them -  
44 people that I heard you describing in your opening address  
45 with the Pendletons up one end.

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47 MR URQUHART: Right.

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THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR URQUHART: Q. Now, detective, I can ask you something about your experience in this field. Can you recall the data that's been gathered regarding the number of males that - who would encounter sexual abuse?

A. Yes, the - I think it's a lot more than that, and I think it's just simply the low reporting rate that leads us - or leads us with the difference between like one in four girls, and one in seven boys. I think that the - it's probably more likely to be one in four girls and one in five boys. I think that's probably more realistic, which is why I was sort of suggesting we've got a closed unit, you have the offender is dead, you don't have to keep your victims apart, you don't have to worry about prosecutions that are going to occur, such as in Katanning, and so in Northam, because you have that opportunity, it would be a valuable tool to particularly make our statistics relevant to Western Australia.

HIS HONOUR: I think it's a very sound suggestion.

THE WITNESS: Yes, thank you, sir.

MR URQUHART: Q. And are there some statistics available as to the percentage of those who have experienced sexual abuse of them becoming sexual offenders as well?

A. I've seen a study that says 8%, but in actual fact we - we in the lectures that I give to Corrective Services, Department of Child Protection - I have always used the figure around 25%, and the reason that we arrive at that figure is ultimately this - is our studies also show that a good 75% of our male victims struggle with the fact that they got offended against, that they got sexually excited whilst being offended against, and they have really nowhere else to go because in many instances the fear of homophobia, and they try to live with it and suppress it until other issues in their life, such as potentially marriage break-ups and things like this occur, so you have a huge time difference between the offence occurring and them actually coming forward.

HIS HONOUR: Q. Well, as a judge I so often have seen the child victims feel guilty for what happened --

A. Yes.

1 Q. -- and I would suggest the reason for that is they  
2 themselves are sexually excited at the time and --  
3 A. Yes.  
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5 Q. -- therefore they feel that they're responsible.  
6 A. I didn't get sexually excited, but I certainly spoke  
7 to a lot of victims over the years now about that subject  
8 and, of course, because of my own experiences have been  
9 interested in the way that they've reacted, but as a  
10 community we don't deal with it very well. I don't think  
11 we take that reoffending or the victim turning predator  
12 factors into account very well. I think we could do better  
13 in that realm. I mean, I have certainly been very guarded  
14 about myself because of those statistics. I have  
15 certainly, unfortunately probably, had a more distant  
16 relationship from my grandchildren because I'm aware of the  
17 statistic myself. I'm able to excel - or not excel, expel,  
18 I suppose, the demons in other ways in my work; but, you  
19 know, somebody that is still trying to come to terms with  
20 it themselves is a - definitely a potential risk that needs  
21 to be factored in, yes.  
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23 MR URQUHART: Q. And, detective, can you offer some  
24 opinion - an opinion as to how based on the research that  
25 you've done, how reporting, for example, the percentages of  
26 matters that are reported, could be increased?  
27 A. Yes, mandatory reporting was a big step forward,  
28 absolutely, and we've had some quite alarming statistics in  
29 regard to sexually transmitted diseases in children, and  
30 the reports - but unfortunately the Health Department don't  
31 provide us with the figures after 14 years of age.  
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33 Q. Right.  
34 A. What is alarming in regard to the instances of all  
35 types of venereal diseases after 14, none of the girls  
36 between 14 and 16 report, so that gives you a pretty good  
37 indication, to me anyway, a rule of thumb not so much as a  
38 definite quantitative figure, but a definite evidence that  
39 even girls in that era or area don't report. Just simply  
40 because it's consensual, I would suggest, has a large part  
41 to do with that.  
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43 Q. And can you advise some statistics with respect to  
44 where there has been an increase in reporting of child  
45 abuse since mandatory reporting was introduced, which I  
46 think was 2009?  
47 A. Yes, that's right, yes. Definitely. I have the

1 actual figures here, if you're interested. Or would you  
2 prefer me to give them to you out --  
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4 Q. Yes, have you already provided those or --  
5 A. No, these are additional figures.  
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7 Q. All right. Maybe you can provide those later --  
8 A. Yes.  
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10 Q. -- that's fine. But I'm looking at whether there has  
11 actually been a calculation of percentage increase --  
12 A. Yes.  
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14 Q. -- from 2008 to 2009?  
15 A. Absolutely massive increase in mandatory - in reported  
16 instances as a result of bringing in mandatory reporting,  
17 absolutely.  
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19 Q. And can you recall the percentage figures there? Is  
20 it 128% increase?  
21 A. That sounds - sounds pretty good, in one category.  
22 There was another category that had gone up something like  
23 269%, but it's - that sounds pretty accurate, and we were  
24 almost swamped as a division, that Sex Crime Division, we  
25 were almost swamped as a result of them.  
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27 Q. Right. Yes, I was going to ask you, does that include  
28 child physical abuse as well, or is it just child sexual  
29 abuse?  
30 A. The majority of it is child sexual abuse. There is  
31 some child physical abuse absolutely, yes, but all  
32 categories are ticked on, and it relies upon the detective  
33 or constable completing the report to actually tick "child  
34 abuse related" before it will be counted as a statistic, so  
35 even that might be slightly under-reported.  
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37 MR URQUHART: I see. Yes, thank you, detective. That's  
38 all the questions I have, sir.  
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40 HIS HONOUR: Now, Mr Jenkin, have you got any questions?  
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42 MR JENKIN: No, thanks, sir.  
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44 HIS HONOUR: Ms Morgan?  
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46 MS MORGAN: No, thank you.  
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1 HIS HONOUR: All right. Well, I'd like to thank you very  
2 much for coming along and giving your evidence. It's been  
3 exceptionally helpful. And I suspect it's taken a bit of  
4 courage to present yourself --  
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6 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
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8 HIS HONOUR: -- at this situation, so thank you very much.  
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10 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.  
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12 <THE WITNESS WITHDREW  
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14 HIS HONOUR: Do you want to take a break?  
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16 MR URQUHART: Shall we have a break, sir, yes.  
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18 HIS HONOUR: Yes, we'll have a short break.  
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20 **SHORT ADJOURNMENT**  
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22 HIS HONOUR: Please be seated. Yes, Mr Urquhart.  
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24 MR URQUHART: Now, thank you sir. Before we call our next  
25 witness, I'm going to read out statements from three  
26 witnesses. Sir, the first is an ex-student from St  
27 Christopher's Hostel. He has requested that given the  
28 subject matter of his statement and his current occupation,  
29 that his identity not be disclosed, and so he will just  
30 simply be referred to as witness "G".  
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32 Sir, he also names a Catholic priest who he asserts  
33 inappropriately touched him. That priest is now dead and  
34 he wasn't charged over that incident; so he, therefore,  
35 will not be named either. And so the statement of "G"  
36 reads:  
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38 I am 59 years old and live with my wife and  
39 our 2 children.  
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41 I am a secondary teacher at a high school  
42 in the Perth metropolitan area.  
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44 I was raised in Esperance, at that time  
45 there was no senior high school in  
46 Esperance and my parents could not afford  
47 private education in Perth.

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Our local Catholic Priest had associations with Northam and suggested I attend Northam Senior High School and board at St Christopher's Hostel.

I started there in 1969 and left at the end of 1970 after completing year 11 and 12.

Roy Wenlock was the warden of St Christopher's, I remember that he was a good administrator of the hostel and ran it well.

I recall that the hostel was a good living institution for boys and I enjoyed my time there.

When I heard some of the evidence given to the Inquiry in relation to what happened at St Andrews Hostel in Katanning I thought it seemed like déjà vu.

Wenlock was often referred to assist "Snozz" --

Spelt S-N-O-Z-Z:

-- or "The Boss" by the hostel students and it was a well-known fact that he would invite students up to his flat for Sunday evening treats.

With hindsight I think that there was a grooming process involved with me. The first time he invited me up to his flat it was to watch "The Winners" coverage of the VFL. This was a real treat and I was given a can of coke and some cake/biscuits. This would have been in 1969 when I was in year 11.

On the second occasion it was more of the same but on this occasion Wenlock had baby oil and asked to massage my back. I had played football on a Saturday and this happened on a Sunday evening. At the time

1 I did not think that this was that unusual  
2 after playing a hard game of football the  
3 day before. He then invited me to massage  
4 his back, which I duly did.  
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6 On the third occasion, it was a similar  
7 scenario, however I remember Wenlock  
8 bringing out a gym mat and he engaged me in  
9 playful wrestling match. We both had our  
10 jocks on. He straddled me and demonstrated  
11 some wrestling grips.  
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13 He then let me stand up so I could wrestle  
14 him to the ground and end up straddling  
15 him. I remember that he would use a very  
16 firm grip and encourage me to do the same  
17 and he would then start doing a hip  
18 thrusting action to get out of the  
19 wrestling hold that he had taught me to  
20 apply.  
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22 When he was on the ground and I was on top  
23 of him I could feel his erect penis  
24 pressing against me and it was clear that  
25 he was aroused. This would go on for 5 to  
26 10 minutes. He would terminate the  
27 wrestling at his discretion. I distinctly  
28 remember him standing up in his leopard  
29 print underpants and his erect penis was  
30 almost protruding from the top of them.  
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32 He would then excuse himself and go into  
33 the bathroom. After he had finished, he  
34 would return to the lounge room in a white  
35 dressing robe, and suggest that I have a  
36 shower to clean up. I can recall doing  
37 that.  
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39 I was aware that this happened to other  
40 boys at the hostel and from talking to  
41 older boys it seemed to have been happening  
42 in the years before I arrived at the  
43 hostel.  
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45 I think that this happened 3 or 4 times  
46 when I was in year 11 and once in year 12.  
47 By the time I was in year 12 I might have

1           been more confident in refusing Wenlock's  
2           invitations.

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4           I had no experience of some of the physical  
5           punishment that I have read about in the  
6           press. I recall that Wenlock had a cane  
7           and would sometimes use this across boys'  
8           hands.

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10          Whilst I was at the hostel I remember a  
11          Catholic priest visiting the hostel, and on  
12          one occasion he drove me from Esperance to  
13          Northam.

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15          On another occasion in 1969 he took me and  
16          some other Esperance boys to the Head of  
17          the River event in Perth. We stayed in a  
18          hostel which was possibly Raffles.

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20          When I woke up this priest was kneeling by  
21          my bed and had his hand under the sheet and  
22          was caressing my stomach. I moved his hand  
23          away.

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25          I also recall a conversation I had with  
26          this priest during a car journey where he  
27          asked me about masturbation and how far I  
28          thought I would make my semen squirt.

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30          Sir, then there's the standard declaration at the  
31          conclusion of this statement which reads:

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33                 This statement is true to the best of my  
34                 knowledge and belief. I have made this  
35                 statement knowing that, if it is tendered  
36                 in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime  
37                 if I have wilfully included in the  
38                 statement anything that I know to be false  
39                 or that I do not believe is true.

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41          It's then been signed by witness "G" on 10 May this year.

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44                 Next statement I propose reading is from an ex-student  
45                 by the name of Bradley John Earl. Mr Earl has endorsed  
46                 this statement as being true and correct. It reads:

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1 I am 56 years of age and a retired veteran  
2 residing in Oakford.

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4 I was born in Wagin and as a child lived in  
5 Mukinbudin --

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7 M-U-K-I-N-B-U-D-I-N:

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9 -- where my dad was the Shire Clerk.

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11 I completed my primary schooling at  
12 Dumbleyung and Mukinbudin.

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14 In 1969 I attended Northam Senior High  
15 School where I was required to reside at St  
16 Christopher's Hostel.

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18 When I first arrived at the hostel the  
19 Warden was Mr Wenlock who I remember as  
20 being physically a big man.

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22 When I arrived at the hostel I remember it  
23 was pretty well full with students.

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25 I remember as a junior student, after  
26 dinner we had to complete 2 hours of study  
27 and the senior students had to study for  
28 3 hours.

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30 I would describe my time at St  
31 Christopher's as really bad and very  
32 traumatic.

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34 I started as a child with good grades and  
35 by the time I left the hostel my grades had  
36 deteriorated so much so that I had to  
37 repeat year 10 and once heard my parents  
38 telling my grandparents that I was lazy,  
39 lacked discipline and would not amount to  
40 anything.

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42 Having heard my parents say this about me  
43 remained with me up until the time I was  
44 expelled from the Hostel, at which point I  
45 remember thinking to myself I would join  
46 the Navy and show them that I would amount  
47 to something.

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My parent's opinion of me would have come from listening to Wenlock who used to lie to them during the parent/teacher meetings and in my St Christopher's house reports which are different to our school reports.

My school grades during this time were not good as well.

I remember when I first started living at the hostel we used to have to get up very early each morning and go to the shower block.

All we would have on is our dressing gowns, carrying a toothbrush and soap.

Wenlock would stand inside the showers ticking your name off the list and he would make us strip naked waiting for our shower.

He would then yell out "change" which would mean those in the showers would come out and we would go in.

Wenlock would stand and watch 15 naked boys getting into the shower and 15 naked boys getting out of the shower and 15 naked boys drying themselves.

When I first started at the hostel I never used to smoke but after a short time there I started smoking, in fact some time later, possibly year 9 Wenlock allowed me to smoke in his unit.

Wenlock used to allow me to smoke in his unit and at the same time he would expel other students for the very same thing.

I remember a mate of mine --

Who, sir, will be later described as witness "W":

-- once telling me that Wenlock let him smoke and gave him alcohol in his unit.

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I remember on a couple of occasions where "W", me and some of the other students were in Wenlock's unit and all of us were allowed to smoke.

In my first year I never really had much to do with Wenlock, apart from the day to day contact.

I first really met the man when it was my 14th birthday; I was invited down to his room to watch TV whilst all the other boys were still required to do their compulsory study.

Whilst I was there he told me to into his bedroom, strip off and put on a pair of leopard skin jocks from the top drawer of his dresser and then we had a wrestle.

During those wrestling matches I could feel Wenlock have an erection and I could feel him pushing it into my back.

It was after a few of these wrestling matches that I reacted in a way which was my way of saying to him "stop it", as I never felt like I had a choice to say no to him and his wrestling.

I remember that on this occasion, I was wrestling him in his room and I was on all fours on the ground and he was on all fours over me.

I got him in a headlock and somehow got from under him to be on top of him, still having him in a headlock and this really hurt him.

I know that what I did really hurt him because it was after this that he no longer wanted to wrestle with me.

Shortly after Wenlock stopped wrestling with me he started to really physically

1 discipline me for anything and everything.  
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3 If something happened in the hostel and  
4 other boys were being told off and I was  
5 standing nearby, he would somehow find a  
6 way to drag me into it and I would end up  
7 getting the cane.  
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9 During year 10 life became so unbearable  
10 for me that Wenlock was bastardising me for  
11 no reason at all, he was saying to my  
12 parents that I was a trouble maker, lazy,  
13 and a naughty kid.  
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15 My school work had really dropped off and I  
16 was not doing well at all and during first  
17 term of year 11 Wenlock called my parents  
18 and told them that I was to be expelled  
19 from the hostel.  
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21 We had a meeting and once I had been  
22 expelled from the hostel, I could no longer  
23 attend Northam Senior High School as I had  
24 nowhere to stay.  
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26 I went home and got a job with the  
27 Mukinbudin/Nungarin Shire as a labourer  
28 fixing up an old homestead for the National  
29 Trust.  
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31 I did work with a man who knew how to fix  
32 things using the old traditional methods,  
33 and I really enjoyed it.  
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35 I worked this job until I was accepted into  
36 the Royal Australian Navy which was in July  
37 1972.  
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39 Whilst Wenlock never did anything to me in  
40 a sexual way I believe he did sexually  
41 abuse us kids during his wrestling  
42 sessions.  
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44 Whilst I never told anyone in Authority  
45 about how Wenlock used to rub his erect  
46 penis up against me whilst we were  
47 wrestling, I did talk about it in general

1 terms with my mates.

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3 Every time Wenlock would take me down to  
4 his room to wrestle it was always the same  
5 drill, I had to strip down naked, then get  
6 the leopard skin jocks out of his drawer  
7 and wrestle [with] him and every time I  
8 could feel his erect penis being rubbed  
9 against me.

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11 I remember that even though Wenlock treated  
12 me really badly whilst I was at the hostel,  
13 there was one occasion I think I was in  
14 year 9 (1970) when he took a couple of kids  
15 to the WACA to see the first ever Test  
16 [match] which was being played there.

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18 It was Australia v England and I remember I  
19 jumped the fence to pat Greg Chapple on the  
20 back because he hit a ton and I would say  
21 this was one of my few good memories of St  
22 Christopher's.

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24 Wenlock took me on this outing when I was  
25 13 years of age and before the wrestling  
26 commenced.

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28 Then there's the declaration at the end, sir:

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30 This statement is true to the best of my  
31 knowledge and belief. I have made this  
32 statement knowing that, if it is tendered  
33 in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime if  
34 I have wilfully included in the statement  
35 anything that I know to be false or that I  
36 do not believe is true.

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38 Sir, the final statement I'll read out before we call our  
39 next witness. It is from another ex-student at the hostel.  
40 His name is Graham Charles Gillies. There is a reference  
41 in his statement, sir, to his brother-in-law. He has  
42 requested that his brother-in-law not be identified and  
43 where I come to those sections of his statement I will  
44 simply refer to this boy at the time as his brother-in-law.  
45 Graham Charles Gillies states:

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47 I am 56 years old and lived in Northam all

1 my life.

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3 My father worked for Western Milling and my  
4 mother was an Administration Assistant at  
5 the local Hospital. I have a brother named  
6 Lynton GILLIES and a sister named Pam --

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8 And I won't state her surname --:

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10 She's a Primary School Teacher.

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12 I am employed by Curtin University and  
13 Muresk College. I do Animal Husbandry  
14 Training and involved in local radio, York  
15 FM and school bus driving.

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17 Between 1969 and 1972 I attended Northam  
18 High School. I never stayed at St  
19 Christopher's Hostel as a boarder as I  
20 lived in town. The same with my brother.

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22 Up until 1971, Mrs MATHEWS was the  
23 Principle, formerly the Deputy Principle of  
24 Northam High School. I think she has  
25 Dementia now. Then in 1972, Mr WITHERS was  
26 the Principal who I think is now deceased.

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28 Teachers from the School also boarded at St  
29 Christopher's Hostel. One Teacher's  
30 surname was GUMTRIPP.

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32 G-U-M-T-R-I-P-P:

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34 In the late 1970's, Mr HEPWORTH was an  
35 Assistant at the Hostel. The Phys-Ed  
36 Teacher was John FEELY --

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38 Spelt F-E-E-L-Y:

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40 -- at Northam Senior High School.

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42 The Warden of the Hostel was Roy WENLOCK.  
43 He was also quite high up in the local  
44 Anglican Church.

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46 I met WENLOCK through my mother's  
47 association with the local Church. I

1 recall when I saw WENLOCK at Church,  
2 standing at the altar in his long robe,  
3 handing out communion. He was a big man  
4 with a deep voice. He had an imposing  
5 presence.

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7 Locally WENLOCK was respected in the  
8 community and very pleasant and cordial to  
9 locals and within the Church. I thought he  
10 was a man of presence, a man of  
11 intelligence, was good at public speaking  
12 and a man who was revered in the Community.

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14 There was also a Board at the Hostel and a  
15 lot of the members were associated with the  
16 Anglican Church. Tony GIBBONS frequented  
17 the Hostel as he was a Minister at the  
18 local Church. Hostel Boarders attended the  
19 church with WENLOCK.

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21 I don't propose reading out the next three sentences, sir  
22 of paragraph 10. Paragraph 11:

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24 I remember WENLOCK used to take the Hostel  
25 Boarders to get their Drivers Licence. He  
26 had a flash car, a yellow two door V8 HQ  
27 Holden Monaro. They drove around with  
28 WENLOCK on their 'P' plates and had general  
29 use of the car to drive around town.

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31 The boys at the school called WENLOCK  
32 'Snoz'. The Hostel boys would talk about  
33 Snoz 'perving' on them during their morning  
34 showers. They would say things like, 'Snoz  
35 had a good look in the showers this  
36 morning. I wonder who he'll pick tonight.'

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38 Between 1972 and 1974, my brother-in-law  
39 was a Boarder at St Christopher's Hostel.  
40 He spoke to me about the wrestling with  
41 WENLOCK.

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43 WENLOCK had wrestled him to the ground.  
44 He'd get my brother-in-law onto the floor  
45 on his back. Once WENLOCK was aroused he  
46 would get on top of my brother-in-law.  
47 Then he rubbed or grounded himself against

1 my brother-in-law's groin area with an  
2 erection. WENLOCK was only wearing boxer  
3 shorts at the time.  
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5 My brother-in-law said he would eventually  
6 get the upper hand and moved away from  
7 WENLOCK to get out of the situation.  
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9 My brother-in-law never told his parents as  
10 he felt he wouldn't be believed. He  
11 thought he'd be told things like, "Don't  
12 say anything so stupid about WENLOCK".  
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14 My brother-in-law has only told me about  
15 his encounter with WENLOCK when I was about  
16 17 and then again around my mid to late  
17 20s. He has spoken of WENLOCK's conduct,  
18 on and off within our family over the last  
19 20 years and still laughs about it. He  
20 never told me how often this happened.  
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22 A recent conversation with my mother, who  
23 is 88 years old, still doesn't believe  
24 Wenlock dealt with male boarders  
25 inappropriately. The topic is taboo to  
26 discuss.  
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28 My brother-in-law was very much into his  
29 cricket. After my brother-in-law left the  
30 Hostel WENLOCK got him tickets to watch the  
31 Cricket at the WACA. It was around when my  
32 brother-in-law was in his mid-to-late 20s.  
33 Even as an adult, WENLOCK has asked my  
34 brother-in-law for a wrestle when he  
35 collected the Cricket tickets. My  
36 brother-in-law said something like, he  
37 would drop him.  
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39 In January or February 1978 my sister and  
40 brother-in-law got married at the Hostel.  
41 WENLOCK had approved this to be held at the  
42 hostel. WENLOCK was Master of Ceremonies  
43 at this wedding.  
44  
45 I remember the Mayor of Northam was Fred  
46 KILLICK. He was a Board Member. I heard  
47 him tell my family "Don't let WENLOCK near

1 the Hostel Offices". No explanation was  
2 given why.

3  
4 The local talk at the time of the Wedding  
5 was that WENLOCK had gone further with a  
6 student than wrestling and a local  
7 prominent family was going to report it to  
8 Police. I can't remember the name of the  
9 family.

10  
11 Sir, with respect to this next paragraph Mr Gillies has  
12 clarified that his knowledge of the contents of this next  
13 paragraph was from local talk as well, so it is not  
14 something that he'd heard directly from Mr Killick. So  
15 that paragraph reads:

16  
17 KILLICK also said that WENLOCK was willing  
18 to leave and the Hostel Board was willing  
19 to sack him. He encouraged the family not  
20 to go to the Police because of the Hostel  
21 and Anglican Church's reputation.

22  
23 Then there's the standard declaration at the end:

24  
25 This statement is true to the best of my  
26 knowledge and belief. I have made the  
27 statement knowing that, if it is tendered  
28 in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime if  
29 I wilfully included in the statement  
30 anything that I know to be false or that  
31 I do not believe is true.

32  
33 It has then been signed by Mr Gillies and it's dated 17 May  
34 2012. That takes care of those statements, sir.

35  
36 The next witness, again he does not want to be  
37 identified and because of the contents of his evidence and  
38 because of his previous occupation the Inquiry is going to  
39 respect those wishes. He will just simply be referred to  
40 as "W" and I will take this opportunity now of calling him  
41 and he will take the oath.

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43 <W, sworn:

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45 <EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR URQUHART:

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47 MR URQUHART: Q. Are you 55 years of age?

1 A. I am, yes.  
2  
3 Q. I just need to ask you your date of birth for the  
4 purposes of working out how old you were at certain times a  
5 long time ago now, but is your date of birth 1 July 1956?  
6 A. It is, yes.  
7  
8 Q. You live in the south-west region?  
9 A. I do, yes.  
10  
11 Q. Sir, can I ask you something about where you grew up.  
12 Was that in Dowerin, have I got that --  
13 A. Dowerin, yes, the red belt.  
14  
15 Q. Which is in the red belt and you attended the primary  
16 school there?  
17 A. I did. Went to primary school in Dowerin.  
18  
19 Q. As a result of you wanting to study a particular  
20 subject did your parents make arrangements for you to  
21 complete your high school years at the Northam high school?  
22 A. No, they've - you - although they've recently made  
23 Dowerin a junior high school they didn't have - physics and  
24 chemistry was not studied there, so it was something that  
25 I wanted to pursue career-wise so, yes, they decided to  
26 send me to Northam and I boarded at St Christopher's.  
27  
28 Q. I see. Was that in 1970 you started there?  
29 A. I started in 1970, yes.  
30  
31 Q. That would in fact be your second year at high school?  
32 A. It was my second year of high school.  
33  
34 Q. As it was back then, I think it may be known as the  
35 third year of high school but this is year 9, your ninth  
36 year of school; does that sound right?  
37 A. Yes.  
38  
39 Q. So when you started there you were 13 years of age  
40 going on 14 that years; is that right?  
41 A. I was, yes.  
42  
43 Q. The warden there was a man by the name of Roy Wenlock;  
44 is that right?  
45 A. Mr Wenlock was the warden, yes.  
46  
47 Q. What were your initial impressions of Roy Wenlock?

1 A. He was a big man. He was quite an authoritative  
2 figure, very imposing and yes, quite an intimidating sort  
3 of a figure.  
4  
5 Q. After you'd been there a little while did you come to  
6 identify the sort of discipline he would impose upon  
7 students?  
8 A. He was a very strict disciplinarian. He used the cane  
9 quite frequently.  
10  
11 Q. Can I ask you about a time during your first three to  
12 six months of your first year there at the hostel. You  
13 know the occasion I'm asking you about?  
14 A. I do know, yes.  
15  
16 Q. Was this before or after you'd turned 14, can you  
17 recall?  
18 A. I was still 13 at the time.  
19  
20 Q. Still 13?  
21 A. Yes.  
22  
23 Q. With respect to that occasion, can you recall whether  
24 Roy Wenlock approached you?  
25 A. Yes, he called me down to his office and I was  
26 actually a little bit frightened because I thought that,  
27 you know, maybe I'd done something wrong. When I got down  
28 to the office he said he wanted to see me up in his flat,  
29 which was at the back of the second and third-year  
30 dormitories and I had no idea what he wanted to see me for  
31 but I still was of the opinion that I must have done  
32 something wrong and he was going to reprimand me for it.  
33  
34 Q. Can you recall when it was during the week this  
35 happened?  
36 A. It wasn't on a stay night and I'm - my assumption was  
37 that it was on a weekend, probably a Sunday.  
38  
39 Q. So did you then go to his unit?  
40 A. I did. I went up to his unit.  
41  
42 Q. Was that the first time you'd been to his unit?  
43 A. Absolutely the first time I'd been to his unit, yes.  
44  
45 Q. Were you by yourself?  
46 A. I was on my own, yes. Knocked on the door and he let  
47 me in. He was fully clothed. From memory I think he had

1 long pants and a shirt and a jumper on.  
2  
3 Q. Yes.  
4 A. He invited me into the flat, closed the door and sat  
5 me down on the couch and we started chatting about  
6 different things and then he sort of brought up the subject  
7 of wrestling.  
8  
9 Q. Before he'd done that had he offered you anything?  
10 A. Not at that stage, no. He was chatting to me first  
11 and then - I used to actually watch the old world  
12 championship wrestling on TV, so I just went along with the  
13 conversation, still a little bit sort of nervous, not sure  
14 why I'd actually been invited up there and after a while he  
15 actually turned around and - because he was a smoker, he  
16 actually grabbed some cigarettes and said "Oh, I know you  
17 boys like to have a cigarette" and offered me a cigarette,  
18 which I thought at the time was very odd because it was  
19 actually something you could get into serious trouble for  
20 but - and I can only surmise at the time that was because  
21 of his presence, his sort of intimidating nature that  
22 I actually accepted it and, yes, we smoked a cigarette  
23 together.  
24  
25 Q. So you're sitting on the couch, are you?  
26 A. Yes, I'm sitting on the couch.  
27  
28 Q. Where's he?  
29 A. He was sitting next to me.  
30  
31 Q. On the same couch?  
32 A. On the same couch, yes.  
33  
34 Q. So he offered you the cigarette, you had one.  
35 A. He offered me a cigarette and when we'd finished the  
36 cigarette he then turned - we chatted a bit more and he  
37 then turned around and actually said "Oh, look, I know you  
38 boys like to have a beer as well". He said "Would you like  
39 a beer?" and when I'd actually gone into the flat I could  
40 actually smell alcohol on his breath. I wasn't a drinker,  
41 I didn't like alcohol at that stage of my life. My father  
42 used to offer me and my brother little sips of beer and my  
43 brother used to enjoy them, I didn't. But once again - and  
44 I can only surmise why - I agreed to have a beer. He then  
45 produced a big bottle of beer and poured a couple of  
46 glasses and we continued chatting away and drinking the  
47 beer. I finished my glass pretty quick, I think it was

1 probably because I was nervous more than anything, and he  
2 topped my glass up again from the bottle and the next thing  
3 I know he had his hand on my leg, which basically put me  
4 into a state of shock. I really - I was a little bit sort  
5 of light-headed from drinking the beer because, as I say, I  
6 wasn't a drinking, I was only very young at the time, and  
7 he kind of left his hand there for a little while and we  
8 continued chatting - or he continued chatting, I sort of  
9 didn't say too much and then his hand moved to my genital  
10 area and he actually started rubbing me and I was now at  
11 the stage where I started to panic. I didn't know what to  
12 - and in the end I eventually just stood up and sort of  
13 moved away from him and said "Oh, look, I think I'd like to  
14 go back to the dormitory" and he said "Oh, no, it's -  
15 everything's okay, everything's okay". I said "No, no,  
16 I really think I need to go back to the dormitory "and he  
17 didn't actually object to me wanting to leave but I do  
18 remember him trying to gain assurance from me that  
19 I wouldn't mention this to anybody, to which I replied no,  
20 no, I wouldn't tell anyone about it and all I really wanted  
21 to do was to get out of there, basically. I'd never  
22 experienced anything like that before in my life and I was  
23 quite terrified.

24

25 Q. Did you end up speaking to anyone about it?

26 A. Not initially, no. Probably sometime in the next  
27 week I ended up speaking to one of my mates whose statement  
28 you have actually - or the record you read out.

29

30 Q. I see, okay.

31 A. I can mention his name, I presume. Bradley Earl.

32

33 Q. Yes.

34 A. And we were - you know, we were good mate, we were in  
35 the same class together and I actually told him about what  
36 had happened and he had mentioned to me that Snoz, as we  
37 called him, used to regularly ask the boys to - up to his  
38 flat and --

39

40 Q. Is that the first time you became aware of that was  
41 when you spoke to Brad?

42 A. At about that time, I can't recall whether it was  
43 before or after but it was around about the same time that  
44 I started hearing conversations about - and knowing that  
45 boys were being invited up to his flat. I don't know at  
46 that stage that I knew what they were being taken up there  
47 for but there were occasions, particularly on boys'

1 birthdays, they would get an invite up to his flat.  
2 Subsequent to that, later that year - you know, during that  
3 year and the following year that I was there, I became more  
4 aware of what was actually taking place. It was actually  
5 quite common. There were numerous boys that were being  
6 invited back to his flat and quite often the theme was  
7 discussing wrestling and would actually eventuate that they  
8 would end up stripped down to their underwear and would be  
9 wrestling with him.

10

11 Q. Did you find that out from speaking to the boys?

12 A. From speaking to them, from - it was really quite  
13 common knowledge. It certainly wasn't, you know, a big  
14 secret as such. Most of the boys that I knew or that  
15 I spoke to knew what was going on.

16

17 Q. And what about you, were you invited again to his unit  
18 after that initial occasion?

19 A. No, I didn't actually get an invite as such. I did go  
20 again one time when Brad Earl and a couple of others had  
21 been invited up there. I don't recall actually going back  
22 inside the flat. My memory of that occasion was that they  
23 invited me along with them and when I got to actually  
24 outside the flat I backed out and left.

25

26 Q. So you mentioned there, going back to the first  
27 occasion that you went to, you said - or in fact the only  
28 occasion, you spoke to Brad about it. Did you speak to  
29 anyone else after speaking to Brad about it?

30 A. Not initially. We had sort of discussed - you know,  
31 I discussed whether I should tell my parents or not but it  
32 was some weeks after that, I don't know exactly how long, a  
33 number of weeks after that and I don't recall whether it  
34 was a closed weekend or whether it was school holidays or  
35 what it was but I know that my mother had come to pick me  
36 up and we were driving back to Dowerin.

37

38 Q. When you say "closed weekend" you're referring to the  
39 hostel being closed for that weekend?

40 A. The hostel was actually - they used to occasionally  
41 have like a long weekend or something where everyone would,  
42 you know - those that could, could go home, sort of thing.

43

44 Q. Sorry to interrupt you. You were saying how your mum  
45 came to pick you up?

46 A. Yes, yes, she came to pick me up and on the drive home  
47 I mentioned what had happened to me and --

1  
2 Q. Can you remember what you said to her? Did you go  
3 into the --  
4 A. I told her that he'd invited me into his flat, that  
5 he'd offered me cigarettes and beer and that he touched me  
6 up and she didn't believe me. She basically - I can't  
7 remember exact words but something along the lines of "Oh,  
8 rubbish", you know, "don't be ridiculous" or something  
9 and --  
10  
11 Q. Did she give a reason to you as to why she thought it  
12 was rubbish?  
13 A. I just think in those times, in those years that - and  
14 given his position as the warden of the hostel, and it has  
15 already been spoken about, he was quite a prominent member  
16 of the community of Northam. She just - she didn't believe  
17 it and I think it also probably stemmed from the fact that  
18 I never really wanted to go to Northam, or to the hostel.  
19 I would have been quite happy - even though I wanted to,  
20 you know, further my education, I really didn't want to go  
21 away from home. I liked being at home, I liked being with  
22 my friends back in Dowerin and, you know, playing sport and  
23 basically living at home but yes, it's - the longer  
24 I stayed at the hostel the less enjoyable - in fact,  
25 I don't recall my time ever being particularly enjoyable  
26 there.  
27  
28 Q. I was going to ask you about that because after that  
29 occasion in his unit where you got up and left, how would  
30 you then describe after that the relationship that you had  
31 with the warden?  
32 A. Initially I had - other than, you know, when I had to  
33 have contact with him I had very little to do with him.  
34 I do actually recall after that incident not wanting to go  
35 to the morning showers. I just felt really uncomfortable  
36 having to shower and I didn't actually go.  
37  
38 Q. Why was that? Why did you feel uncomfortable?  
39 A. Just because of what had happened the evening before  
40 and --  
41  
42 Q. Can I ask you, if when you were there at the hostel or  
43 whether Roy Wenlock would be in the shower block or --  
44 A. Absolutely. He would stand inside the showers and he  
45 had the list of everybody's names and he would religiously  
46 tick them off and, yes, it was pretty much as everyone else  
47 has described, just a row of opener showers, just shower

1 nozzles, big open shower face. I don't know how many  
2 showers there were but there would be a line of boys in the  
3 showers washing, "Change please" and then the next line of  
4 boys would jump in, they'd get out and dry themselves and  
5 the next lot would have to file in, have their names ticked  
6 off and they would stand there and wait their turn to  
7 shower.

8  
9 Q. Can I ask you, can you recall whether it was done by  
10 years what boys were there or was it just a mixture?

11 A. I think it was just pretty much an ad hoc thing, from  
12 memory. I can't state unequivocally but I think you just  
13 got out of there and you went down and stood in line and  
14 showered I think was - yes.

15  
16 Q. Okay, sure.

17 A. But the particular occasion that next morning that  
18 I did turn up, he'd actually sent someone to get me and,  
19 you know, at the end of the showering period, which turned  
20 out to be the worst possible thing because I then had to  
21 stand there and shower on my own in front of just him,  
22 which made me even more uncomfortable.

23  
24 Q. So he stayed there with you on that occasion?

25 A. He stayed there while I made sure that I had my shower  
26 and watched me and it was only in the shower - I'd finished  
27 showering that he actually left but I never made the  
28 mistake of missing my shower time again, I can tell you.  
29 It was definitely a safety in numbers thing, I think.

30  
31 Q. After that incident in his unit do you recall  
32 occasions in which he would concentrate on you or victimise  
33 you for anything?

34 A. He - not initially but certainly after that he took a  
35 dislike to me. You know, I don't know what his - whether  
36 it was I rejected him or he was concerned that I might have  
37 said something or what it was but he - I became quite  
38 victimised by him. The smallest possible excuse to - you  
39 know, to berate me or to cane me, he would take full  
40 advantage of it.

41  
42 Q. So he would cane you?

43 A. Absolutely, yes.

44  
45 Q. Whereabouts on your body would you be caned?

46 A. He caned me on the hand, always on the hand.

47

1 Q. Can you recall any occasions in which he would cane  
2 you for or the reasons for it?

3 A. I think I got caught smoking once. He caned me for  
4 that. There were a lot of occasions I can't remember, just  
5 minor, minor things that don't stick in my head but there  
6 was one particular occasion that I remember absolutely.  
7 One of the - one of my friends had told me - I had a pair  
8 of jeans stolen and one of my friends told me that another  
9 boy in the dormitory had stolen my jeans and I went to this  
10 boy's locker and opened his locker up and sure enough  
11 hidden under some other clothes I found my jeans and it  
12 just happened that as I was doing that the other boy turned  
13 up and got quite vocal and quite irate at me and, you know,  
14 it turned into a bit of a slanging match between us and he  
15 ended up pushing me and I fell over and actually hit my  
16 back on the corner of one of the beds, which caused me  
17 considerable pain and I got back up to my feet and actually  
18 punched him in the mouth and from memory, I think I may  
19 have slightly split his lip, there was a bit of blood and  
20 I actually hurt my hand, I think, more than I actually hurt  
21 him but --

22

23 Q. You just held up your right hand then. Did you get an  
24 injury to your hand?

25 A. I did. I actually dislocated my finger and as you can  
26 probably see, it's still dislocated to this day.

27

28 Q. Your small finger there?

29 A. The small finger here (Witness indicates).

30

31 Q. Did you get any treatment for that at the time?

32 A. Well, no. After I hit this guy he ran down - ran off  
33 saying that he was going to dob me in to Snoz and  
34 subsequently I got called down to the office, got  
35 questioned about what had happened and I - to explain the  
36 situation exactly as I explained it here.

37

38 Q. Is this to Roy Wenlock?

39 A. This is to Roy Wenlock, yes. He became extremely  
40 angry towards me and basically held me responsible for the  
41 incident. The other boy was sent away and he decided I was  
42 going to get six of the best on each hand and I'd actually  
43 - I pulled out my finger to him, I said, you know, "I think  
44 I've broken my finger" and he said "Well, in that case  
45 you'll get them all on your other hand". So he caned my  
46 other hand 12 times. At the end of it I actually said to  
47 him, "You know, I think maybe I might need to see a doctor

1 about my finger" and his response was "That's what you get  
2 for fighting" and he sent me away. I never, ever received  
3 any treatment for the finger.  
4

5 Q. We can see now that over 40 years later --

6 A. It's - yes, it's deformed, basically.  
7

8 Q. Can you recall what year you were in at school when  
9 that happened? You say that you were in year 9 or second  
10 year?

11 A. I think that was in - it might have been in my third  
12 year of high school, year 10.  
13

14 Q. Can you recall another occasion when you were in your  
15 third year high school when you got into trouble with Roy  
16 Wenlock?

17 A. Yes, there were several occasions. One in particular  
18 I can remember. We had an end-of-term form party which was  
19 to take place at one of the houses in town. One of the  
20 kids that was in our class, his parents had given  
21 permission to have the party at their house and in the week  
22 leading up to the form party one of the house masters, who  
23 was actually a science teacher at the school, had reported  
24 me to Mr Wenlock for having part of a coloured T-shirt  
25 visible above the collar of my shirt, which for some  
26 strange reason at that particular time Wenlock had decided  
27 that no T-shirts were to be visible above the top of shirts  
28 of, you know, anyone that was wearing the school uniform.  
29 I then got called to his office and was berated for it and  
30 he must have been aware of the form party that was coming  
31 up in a couple of days' time and told me that I was grounded  
32 and that I wouldn't be attending the form party. I pleaded  
33 with him to change his mind and he said "Look, I'll think  
34 about it, I'll consider it". He said "Come back and see me  
35 after school on Friday", the party being on the Friday  
36 night. I went back to see him and cap in hand, basically,  
37 and he took great pleasure in telling me that no, I would  
38 not be attending the form party. I didn't take that very  
39 well. I thought it was over-the-top punishment but  
40 everyone from the hostel that was in my year that was going  
41 to the form party subsequently went off that evening and  
42 I resolved that I was going to go anyway. So I waited  
43 until the movies were on, I attended at the movies in the  
44 rec hall that night and as soon as the movie started and  
45 the lights went out I slithered out the door and snuck  
46 across town and went to the party.  
47

1 Q. Before you go on, you mentioned the movie night. Was  
2 that a night that the movies were held every Friday night?  
3 A. Every Friday night, yes, a regular occurrence.  
4  
5 Q. Who would organise that?  
6 A. Mr Wenlock was always at the movies. He used to sit  
7 up on a sort of a raised dais up the back of the room with  
8 the matron and, yes, basically just keep an eye on things.  
9  
10 Q. Sorry, you go on. You say you went off to this house?  
11 A. So went off to the form party and I've been there  
12 probably, I don't know, not very long I guess, maybe half  
13 an hour, 40 minutes, and the phone rang. The party was  
14 actually being supervised by our social studies teacher,  
15 who was our form teacher at the time. He took a phone call  
16 from Roy Wenlock, and came out and started questioning  
17 everyone as to whether or not they knew I was at the party.  
18 So he twigged pretty quick - I think he probably was just  
19 waiting for - for me to go. He twigged pretty quickly  
20 that - that I'd gone, and I - nobody doxed me in,  
21 fortunately, and I continued on with everyone at the party  
22 until about another 20 minutes or so later, the phone rang  
23 again, and this time it was Wenlock again, and the teacher  
24 came out and said, "If "W" is here, then you need to let  
25 him know that if he doesn't come with me back to the hostel  
26 immediately, he's going to be kicked out."  
27  
28 Q. All right. Now, just before we go any further, we'll  
29 make sure the fact that he identified you by name - we'll  
30 have that taken from the transcript --  
31 A. Beg your pardon, I'd forgotten.  
32  
33 MR URQUHART: -- that will be produced. That's okay.  
34 That's fine.  
35  
36 HIS HONOUR: So delete the name from the transcript, yes.  
37  
38 MR URQUHART: Thank you sir.  
39  
40 HIS HONOUR: Just insert "W".  
41  
42 MR URQUHART: Yes.  
43  
44 THE WITNESS: Thank you. So I thought, "The number's up",  
45 you know, "last thing I want to do is be kicked out of the  
46 hostel", so I - I handed myself in and we - we drove back  
47 to the hostel and he escorted - the teacher escorted me up

1 the driveway or walkway into the office, and Mr Wenlock was  
2 very cordial to the teacher, and quite jovial and the  
3 minute he left and he got me alone, he went absolutely  
4 ballistic and basically said to me, "That's it, you're  
5 kicked out", and I said, "But - but you told, you know, Mr  
6 So and So that if I came back, that I wouldn't be kicked  
7 out". He said, "I don't care. If it was not so late at  
8 night", he said, "I'd ring your mother up and have her come  
9 and pick you up now", and that was it, I was sent back to  
10 the dorm and the next morning he rang my mother. She came  
11 up to the hostel and I was waiting on the lawn outside,  
12 feeling more than a little nervous, but also feeling that  
13 it was absolute overkill. And I was totally honest with  
14 her. I explained the reason why I'd been banned from the  
15 party, about the T-shirt; that I'd subsequently gone  
16 anyway, and told her that he'd said to me, you know, if I  
17 came back everything would be okay, and he went back on his  
18 word. So she then went in and had a meeting with him in  
19 his office. I sat outside, waiting to see what the outcome  
20 would be, and I actually had a boy come out and tell me  
21 that he'd taken my mother up to his flat to continue the  
22 conversation because it was getting, apparently, quite  
23 heated in there. My mother, I think - although she was  
24 only 5 foot nothing, was pretty dismayed that she'd been  
25 called all the way down there to collect me from - from the  
26 hostel over such a minor incident, or what initially  
27 started as a minor incident, and sometime later I was sent  
28 for and presented at his flat and he invited me in and was  
29 once again quite cordial and jovial and --

30

31 Q. Well, was your mum there, still there?

32 A. She was still there, yes. And he said to me that, you  
33 know, he'd discussed the issue with mum and, you know,  
34 basically had decided to rescind the expulsion; so, yes, I  
35 was allowed to stay.

36

37 Q. And can you remember on that occasion then, in front  
38 of your mum, can you recall him offering you something?

39 A. He actually did. I couldn't believe my ears. He  
40 actually offered me a cigarette in front of my mother, and  
41 used the line, "You know, I know you boys all like a smoke,  
42 I know you like a smoke, but would you like a cigarette."  
43 It was kind of like, you know, to make the peace, but I  
44 think at the end of the day it was more to impress upon my  
45 mother that I smoke cigarettes, and I refused and said to  
46 him, "I don't smoke"; so, yes, that was the end of that.

47

1 HIS HONOUR: Q. Something I don't quite understand it -  
2 you got caned for smoking, yet he had offered you a  
3 cigarette previously, and offers a cigarette in front of  
4 your mother. Can you explain the thinking around that or  
5 --

6 A. I have - for the life of me, when I think back on it  
7 in later years, I can only surmise it was to discredit me  
8 in front of my mother. I can think of no other reason that  
9 he would have offered me a cigarette, and it was well-known  
10 from other conversations I'd had with other boys that he  
11 offered them cigarettes and he offered them alcohol in his  
12 flat.

13  
14 Q. So he was obviously prepared to open the offer of a  
15 cigarette to - how old were you then?

16 A. I would have been --

17  
18 MR URQUHART: 14 going on 15.

19  
20 THE WITNESS: 14 going on 15.

21  
22 HIS HONOUR: Q. So a 14-year-old - offered you a  
23 cigarette in front of your mother, yet there's a regime  
24 where you're caned if you're caught smoking. So that's  
25 pretty hard to understand.

26 A. I can't explain it. You know, you'd have to talk to  
27 him, and you can't do that anymore, unfortunately; so, you  
28 know, it was so bizarre. I - I - I believe in thinking in  
29 retrospect that it was - it could only have been to try and  
30 discredit me in front of my mother. I can think of no  
31 other reason he would have done that, but it happened. I -  
32 it's quite clear in my mind this had happened.

33  
34 MR URQUHART: Q. Now, if I can ask you something about  
35 your studies, and if we can go back to before you went to  
36 second year high school at Northam. What were your marks  
37 and achievements like up until, you know, first year at  
38 your other school?

39 A. Basically from - from when I started school and until  
40 I completed my first year high school at Dowerin, I was  
41 either number one in my class, and I think on the odd  
42 occasion I think maybe number two. I was - school work for  
43 me was really a breeze. I - I was good at all of the  
44 subjects - good at English, good at maths, good at social  
45 studies. My teacher at one stage when I was about probably  
46 in about Grade 7, I think - it was during a recess - I can  
47 recall her calling me from the playground over to the

1 verandah and actually asking me if I'd ever thought about  
2 going to university which, of course, I hadn't; but, yes,  
3 she was of the opinion - she actually suggested to me that  
4 I - you know, if I continued on the way I was going, that I  
5 would - should definitely consider going to university.  
6 Yes, my marks - my behaviour, you know, I was a good kid.  
7 I was good at - excelled at sport, I - I wasn't a problem  
8 child. You know, I - I didn't like alcohol, I didn't smoke  
9 cigarettes, I was respectful of elders and people in, you  
10 know, in positions such as teachers, police - you know,  
11 anybody in a position of Authority. I did very well.  
12 After about the first three or four months at the hostel -  
13 and I - I guess a lot of it had to do with the fact that  
14 the incident that took place, the fact that I wasn't happy  
15 being there, the fact that my mother didn't believe me when  
16 I - I spoke to her about the incident that took place, I  
17 became despondent and basically gave up, lost interest, and  
18 from that point on my marks just went to the bottom. I  
19 gave up in - in - in my school work, I gave up in my study.  
20 As already has been explained, we first and second years  
21 used to have two hours of compulsory study every night.  
22 Third, fourth and fifth years used to have three. I very  
23 rarely did study or homework or did the bare minimum that I  
24 absolutely had to get by. Coming up to the end of my  
25 third year of high school, I think it was fairly apparent  
26 to my parents that I was doing poorly and they made  
27 inquiries with regards to me joining the Navy, which I  
28 subsequently did in January of 1972.

29

30 Q. So you only completed third year --

31 A. I completed third year.

32

33 Q. -- at school?

34 A. I can remember sitting for my junior certificate in  
35 the Town Hall, and basically the object was to get in  
36 there, go through the exam as quickly as possible, answer  
37 anything that was easy, and then get out and go smoking  
38 cigarettes with my mates. Yes. My - other than English,  
39 which I actually got a distinction in, I was very good at  
40 English still. Everything else was abysmal.

41

42 HIS HONOUR: Q. So you failed your junior?

43 A. I failed my junior, yes.

44

45 Q. Did you ever discuss it again with your mother in more  
46 recent times?

47 A. My mother's actually in a nursing home now with

1 Alzheimer's and dementia. I don't think that I --  
2  
3 Q. So she never got to know the reason why it all  
4 happened that way?  
5 A. I think at the time my mother and father were  
6 extremely bitter. My father was a butcher in Dowerin. He  
7 also had a pig farm, 10 acres, just outside of Dowerin. He  
8 used to work seven days a week. My mother used to do a lot  
9 of work with the butcher shop. She used to drive to  
10 Northam once a week and drive to Perth once a week to, you  
11 know, to pick up stuff for the butcher shop, meat and  
12 smallgoods and different things, and I think they were just  
13 too busy in their own lives to realise what was happening  
14 with me. And, yes it was a shame.  
15  
16 MR URQUHART: Q. Years later, did you hear of rumours  
17 that Roy Wenlock had been told he had to resign?  
18 A. Absolutely. I can't recall from where, but I do  
19 recall hearing that, that he - somebody had complained  
20 about him, and that - that the - the Board had - had  
21 basically given him an ultimatum - resign or you will be  
22 sacked. And I believe he resigned.  
23  
24 Q. Now, can I take you down to the early 1980s, and in  
25 the example of how small Perth is, can you recall coming  
26 across Roy Wenlock again?  
27 A. Yes. I - I hadn't really had, you know, because of  
28 my - I spent six years in the Navy all around Australia and  
29 I spent a couple of years back working in Perth before I  
30 ended up working up in the north west, so I hadn't had a  
31 lot of contact with - with anyone from school or from the  
32 hostel, certainly not from Wenlock. And it was, I think  
33 probably about 1981, perhaps, I bought a townhouse in a new  
34 development of six in Leederville, and there were actually  
35 two - two units still available for sale at the time. I  
36 bought the second-last one, and it was on one occasion I  
37 had taken my mother around to - to show her the townhouse  
38 from the front, and a car pulled up and bugger me if it  
39 wasn't Roy Wenlock who got out with a - quite a young  
40 blond-haired boy who I guess was probably in his late  
41 teens. That would be only a guess. He was young, and he'd  
42 actually bought the last unit, so he became my neighbour.  
43 I couldn't believe it. And I was once again in a state of  
44 shock. He - he sort of acknowledged - I think he  
45 acknowledged us, but really kind didn't want to have  
46 conversation with myself or my mother, and he actually left  
47 fairly quickly, but on a later occasion, I think when I was

1 going down to collect my mail, I ran into him coming down  
2 to collect his mail and he actually invited me back to  
3 his - his unit for - for a beer, would you believe, and my  
4 reply was basically, "Stick it up your arse, you gotta be  
5 joking", and he never invited me back again.

6  
7 Q. So how long were you actually living in that same  
8 complex?

9 A. I was there for about 10 years, and to the best of my  
10 knowledge I think he was there for that same period of  
11 time.

12  
13 Q. Right.

14 A. But I had - I basically ignored him, had no - no  
15 contact with him whatsoever.

16  
17 Q. And aside from that occasion which you just recounted  
18 to us, of him getting out of his car, and there's that  
19 young boy in his late teens, can you recall any other  
20 occasions when you see him with anyone?

21 A. I did see him actually take - go into his unit with a  
22 young boy on one occasion. I couldn't recall when that  
23 was. I didn't - I just - I basically remember thinking,  
24 "He's still up to his old tricks, I guess".

25  
26 Q. And when you say young boy on that occasion, can you  
27 give us an idea of how old?

28 A. He was - I didn't pay a lot of attention. He was - he  
29 would have been in his - I would guess in his teens, late  
30 teens as well.

31  
32 Q. Right.

33 A. Yes. I used to occasionally see him coming and going,  
34 but I didn't speak to him, he didn't speak to me.

35  
36 MR URQUHART: Thank you, sir, that's all the questions I  
37 have for you. Thank you, your Honour.

38  
39 HIS HONOUR: Any questions from the Bar table?

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41 MS MORGAN: No, thank you.

42  
43 MR JENKIN: No.

44  
45 HIS HONOUR: Right. Well, thank you very much for your  
46 evidence, it's been very helpful, and you are now free to  
47 leave, thank you.

1  
2 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.  
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4 <THE WITNESS WITHDREW  
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6 HIS HONOUR: We should adjourn for lunch.  
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8 MR URQUHART: That would be appropriate now, sir, yes.  
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10 HIS HONOUR: Would 2.15 be appropriate, or would you  
11 prefer two?  
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13 MR URQUHART: 2.15 will be fine.  
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15 HIS HONOUR: 2.15.  
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17 MR URQUHART: 2.15 will be okay, yes.  
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19 HIS HONOUR: All right. We'll adjourn until 2.15.  
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21 **LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT**  
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23 **UPON RESUMPTION:**  
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25 HIS HONOUR: Yes, Mr Urquhart.  
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27 MR URQUHART: Thank you, sir. The next witness is going  
28 to be William Edmund Ridgway Thompson and Mr Thompson will  
29 take the oath and he is just in the back of the hearing  
30 room here now.  
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32 <WILLIAM EDMUND RIDGWAY THOMPSON, sworn:  
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34 <EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR URQUHART:  
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36 MR URQUHART: Q. Mr Thompson, your full name is William  
37 Edmund Ridgway Thompson; is that right?  
38 A. It is.  
39  
40 Q. Have you for most, if not all your life, been known as  
41 Ted?  
42 A. That's right.  
43  
44 Q. Mr Thompson, are you 53 years of age?  
45 A. I am.  
46  
47 Q. And you reside in a town in the south-west?

1 A. I do.  
2  
3 Q. Mr Thompson, I want to take you back to a time during  
4 your school years, if I can. You grew up in Burakin, if  
5 that's --  
6 A. That's correct.  
7  
8 Q. -- the correct pronunciation of it?  
9 A. Yes.  
10  
11 HIS HONOUR: I used to work in a wheat bin there.  
12  
13 WITNESS: Is that right?  
14  
15 HIS HONOUR: Yes. When I was young.  
16  
17 MR URQUHART: Q. And you lived on a farm there?  
18 A. I did.  
19  
20 Q. And you went to primary school in Kalannie?  
21 A. I did.  
22  
23 Q. When you got to high school years it was the case  
24 there was a district high school at Dalwallinu; is that  
25 right?  
26 A. That's correct.  
27  
28 Q. But your parents decided to take you to a high school  
29 with a better reputation; is that right?  
30 A. Yes.  
31  
32 Q. Was that going to be Northam?  
33 A. That's correct.  
34  
35 Q. Was it the case that you already had two older  
36 brothers who had boarded at the St Christopher's Hostel in  
37 Northam?  
38 A. Yes.  
39  
40 Q. Can you recall the years that you, yourself, boarded  
41 at St Christopher's?  
42 A. Yes, I went there in 1972 and I finished in 1976.  
43  
44 Q. You started in '72 and you were in first year or year  
45 8?  
46 A. First year, yes.  
47

1 Q. Your birthday is in January, isn't it, so --  
2 A. That's right.  
3  
4 Q. -- you'd already turned 13 then in that year, 1972  
5 when you started?  
6 A. Yes, I'd already just turned 13.  
7  
8 Q. I don't know if I asked you your age. You're 53 years  
9 old now?  
10 A. I'm 53, yes.  
11  
12 Q. You were born in January 1959?  
13 A. Yes.  
14  
15 Q. I'm going to ask you some questions about the warden  
16 at St Christopher's, Roy Wenlock. How would you describe  
17 him as a warden, so far as the way in which he ran the  
18 hostel and confine it to that to start with?  
19 A. Well, I think management-wise the hostel was run  
20 efficiently and certainly Mr Wenlock ran a very tight ship.  
21 He was a very stern authoritarian-type personality and  
22 everybody there knew that his word was final and he was the  
23 boss.  
24  
25 Q. We've already heard evidence that there was a degree  
26 of bullying that also existed at the hostel. Was that your  
27 experience?  
28 A. Yes. I don't think it was unusual in hostels across  
29 the state in those days that - and it probably still is now  
30 - there was a - I believe a bullying culture at the hostel  
31 that was based on a pecking order of your age and the  
32 younger kids were bullied by the older ones and that  
33 continued the whole time I was there.  
34  
35 Q. With respect to corporal punishment, I gather that  
36 also existed at the hostel when you were there?  
37 A. It did, yes.  
38  
39 Q. Roy Wenlock, would you ever see him use the cane?  
40 A. Yes, I probably saw him use the cane on numerous  
41 occasions, certainly more than a dozen times.  
42  
43 Q. Can you recall ever being caned yourself?  
44 A. I believe I was caned by one of the house masters but  
45 I don't ever recall being caned by Roy Wenlock.  
46  
47 Q. Did he have a specific cane that he used?

1 A. My recollection is that he had a proper cane, a piece  
2 of the cane plant that was about 4 feet long and - 1.2  
3 metres long, it would be, and about 10 to 12ml in diameter.  
4

5 Q. Would you see where, on what part of a student's body  
6 they'd be caned by Roy Wenlock?

7 A. I saw him cane boys repeatedly on the hands. I have  
8 heard - I think I've read in the paper since this Inquiry  
9 has started of people mentioning being struck on the bare  
10 buttocks. I did never see that. I don't believe that  
11 happened.  
12

13 Q. Can I take you now to your year 9, so 1973. Up until  
14 that stage what was your relationship with Roy Wenlock  
15 like?

16 A. Well, I preface my remarks by saying that the first  
17 time I went to the hostel was now over 40 years ago, so  
18 I don't remember initial relationship with him in year 8  
19 specifically but I don't recall that my relationship with  
20 him ever changed very much. So I can only assume that  
21 year 8 was much the same as the latter years that I can  
22 remember more clearly. Roy, from a fairly early age, was  
23 very friendly towards me. I believe he let me know that I  
24 was one of his favourites and he always treated me well and  
25 in a very friendly manner.  
26

27 Q. Can you recall, particularly when you were in second  
28 year, conversations you would have with him?

29 A. I was a particularly good cricketer and I took an  
30 interest in cricket administration after the games, the  
31 paperwork which was done, which was done in his office and  
32 there would be various discussions with him on matters such  
33 as how the game was played and how the scoring was done and  
34 stuff of a more personal nature, such as schoolwork and  
35 family, that kind of thing.  
36

37 Q. Can you recall when you with that situation with him,  
38 he inviting you anywhere?

39 A. Look, I don't recall specifically. I have a hazy  
40 recollection of being invited on numerous occasions to his  
41 flat after study period was over which, as I say, I was  
42 invited over there on repeated occasions.  
43

44 Q. On each of those occasions what was your response to  
45 that?

46 A. I would imagine the first occasion I was probably  
47 rather flattered and perhaps a little uncomfortable but

1 quite happy to comply with that but on the subsequent  
2 occasions I did whatever I could to get out of going over  
3 there.

4  
5 Q. Prior to that first occasion that he invited you to  
6 his flat had you been aware from talk amongst your  
7 classmates or friends as to what that meant to be invited  
8 to his flat?

9 A. I don't think so. I don't think I was aware what that  
10 meant. We were year 8s. Anybody in year 9 or 10 or 11 or  
11 subsequent years would not have bothered to speak to us  
12 about what might have happened over there, we were at the  
13 bottom of the totem pole, so I don't think I would have  
14 been aware on the first occasion.

15  
16 Q. Those occasions on which you were invited to the flat,  
17 you recall that as being when you were in year 9?

18 A. As best I recall, yes.

19  
20 Q. At the start of year 9 - or the start of the first  
21 time of year 9 you would have been already 14 years of age;  
22 is that right?

23 A. Yes, that's correct.

24  
25 Q. You may not recall exactly what happened on each  
26 occasion you went there but can you recall generally what  
27 happened when you would go to his flat on this invitation?

28 A. It never varied and from discussions with other boys  
29 I think - I don't think that it ever varied significantly.  
30 It certainly didn't for me. When I got there he would be  
31 seated on the lounge watching television. He would be in a  
32 singlet and underpants with a blanket over his legs.  
33 I would be invited to watch television and share chocolate  
34 and lollies with him. While we watched television and  
35 after some time he would offer to wrestle with you on the  
36 floor and if you declined his invitation he became very  
37 insistent and I don't recall any occasions that I was able  
38 do get out of it.

39  
40 Q. You mentioned what he was wearing there, a singlet and  
41 his underpants. Was that at all times of the year?

42 A. Yes.

43  
44 Q. So the invitation to have a wrestle, what you're  
45 saying is you always eventually, if not at the start,  
46 agreed to do that?

47 A. There didn't seem to be an alternative; you couldn't

1 get out of it.

2

3 Q. Why do you say that?

4 A. We were - I was 13 or 14 years old. It was a  
5 different era in those days. Kids - children in those days  
6 weren't encouraged as perhaps children are now to have  
7 rights and be forward about those rights. We were taught  
8 that adults told you what to do and you complied. Further  
9 to that, I was 100 miles away from my parents. I had to  
10 live there and this person had the power of - well, any  
11 power he liked over you. I had no - I didn't feel as if  
12 I had any alternative.

13

14 Q. You have described it as being always the same thing  
15 that would happen. Are you able to describe to us what did  
16 happen after he asked or made this request for a wrestle?

17 A. I have heard other boys say that they were required to  
18 strip down to their underwear. That did never happen to  
19 me, to my memory, I'm sure I would have remembered it, but  
20 there was pressure to take some clothing off. "You must be  
21 hot in that jumper" and one of our - one of my defences, of  
22 course, was to wear as much clothing as I possibly could  
23 and I do remember on at least one occasion of taking my  
24 jumper off and I am sure there was pressure to take more  
25 clothing off. You would then wrestle with him on the  
26 floor, which would - and obviously he was a very big man -  
27 well, a big man anyway and quite strong, he would have been  
28 over 6 foot tall and quite strong, so it wasn't a fair  
29 wrestle, it was - he was really just toying with you and  
30 invariably it would finish with you being required to sit  
31 on his front while he was lying on his back and hold his  
32 arms and he would attempt to buck you off and while  
33 repeatedly saying "You brute, you brute". His bucking  
34 around would often move you around the room and  
35 I distinctly remember on one occasion being moved through  
36 the lounge and actually into his bedroom.

37

38 Q. Whilst you were still --

39 A. Yes.

40

41 Q. -- straddling him?

42 A. Yes.

43

44 Q. Looking back on that now, do you say anything as to  
45 whether that was deliberate or not?

46 A. I couldn't say.

47

1 Q. But did you remain in that position once you were in  
2 the bedroom?  
3 A. Yes.  
4  
5 Q. You mentioned how you grabbed hold of his arms; is  
6 that right?  
7 A. Yes, yes.  
8  
9 Q. Was that at his suggestion, can you recall?  
10 A. I would imagine so, I can't recall.  
11  
12 Q. Can you recall where it was you were supposed to grab  
13 him by the arms?  
14 A. He had various holds that he used to encourage you to  
15 - one was to grip him there (Witness demonstrates).  
16  
17 Q. So you're just demonstrating there in front of your  
18 armpit?  
19 A. Yes, the front of the armpit and another one was in  
20 the - whatever that muscle is across your shoulder (Witness  
21 indicates).  
22  
23 Q. Okay, then you seem --  
24 A. Wanted you to grip him there.  
25  
26 Q. Talking to the back of your shoulder blades there?  
27 A. Yes.  
28  
29 Q. Would he ask you to do that with a particular force,  
30 can you recall, or --  
31 A. I can't recall, no.  
32  
33 Q. So, Mr Thompson, you mentioned this would happen for  
34 the first time when you were in second year. Can you  
35 recall how many times this occurred, how many occasions you  
36 went to his unit and ended up having this wrestling with  
37 him?  
38 A. Over the next four years I would estimate it was  
39 probably eight, 10, maybe 12 times but it - I mean, yes,  
40 that would be my best guess.  
41  
42 Q. Did you ever come off him those times when you would  
43 be straddling him and then he'd be making those movements,  
44 would you ever fall off him or would you always stay on?  
45 A. I can't recall.  
46  
47 Q. Do you recall when you would do that whether his groin

1 would make any contact with you?  
2 A. Given the positioning it almost certainly would have.  
3  
4 Q. Can you remember whether he ever had an erection on  
5 these occasions?  
6 A. I don't recall ever feeling an erection against me,  
7 no.  
8  
9 Q. After this had happened to you on that first occasion,  
10 would there be times when you would try to make up excuses  
11 when he'd invite you to his unit?  
12 A. Yes. I made up every excuse known to man not to go  
13 again but it didn't matter, you were required to go.  
14 I feigned sickness, homework. I can't remember what else  
15 I came up with but I and others tried everything they could  
16 to get out of it but it was required.  
17  
18 Q. When you say "it was required", did you ever consider  
19 just saying straight out "No" to him?  
20 A. I don't remember. I imagine I considered it but  
21 I would never have been brave enough to do that.  
22  
23 Q. Why would that have been?  
24 A. Because as I stated earlier, he had absolute power  
25 over you. He was extremely clever at being on good terms  
26 with all parents and I believe if you didn't play his game  
27 he would have made life very difficult for you, he would  
28 have made things up to tell your parents when they came  
29 down to see you but also he would have made sure that  
30 things got very difficult for you at the hostel by giving  
31 you extra laundry duty and kitchen duty and that kind of  
32 thing.  
33  
34 Q. So I gather from what you're saying, Mr Thompson, is  
35 you would speak about this to other boys in your year?  
36 A. Very hesitantly. It was a shameful thing. People  
37 were ashamed if they got invited over there in the first  
38 place. Ashamed about what happened when they were there.  
39 You talked amongst your close friends but talking about it  
40 invited bullying.  
41  
42 Q. From those conversations you had with your close  
43 friends, did any of them ever say that they would say no to  
44 him?  
45 A. No, nobody that I knew of said no to him. That's not  
46 to say it didn't happen, it may well have happened but  
47 I knew of nobody who said no to him.

1  
2 Q. On what pretext would he ask you to go to his unit, do  
3 you recall?  
4 A. Quite often it would be something about your  
5 schoolwork, results at school or perceived or actual  
6 misbehaviour at school or even issues at the hostel. There  
7 were various service - jobs the kids had to do. I remember  
8 one thing that I had to do was help clean the swimming pool  
9 and one of the pretexts may have been that he needed to  
10 talk about the management of the swimming pool and could  
11 I come over after study and talk about it. He was very  
12 clever at coming up with realistic excuses to have you over  
13 to his flat.  
14  
15 Q. Would this always be at a particular time of the day  
16 that he'd invite you over?  
17 A. To my memory it was always after study was finished.  
18 Study was after tea. As I recall, study was sort of from 7  
19 to 8 or 7.30 to 8.30, something like that and you would  
20 always be required to go over immediately after study at  
21 night.  
22  
23 Q. Did you always go there by yourself?  
24 A. Yes.  
25  
26 Q. Was there an occasion where you attempted to take  
27 someone else with you?  
28 A. Yes, there was, that was one of my ruses but it failed  
29 dismally and you were required to go by yourself.  
30  
31 Q. So you would ask him if you could bring someone along,  
32 would you?  
33 A. Yes.  
34  
35 Q. And his response was?  
36 A. No, he wanted to speak to you about whatever the  
37 pretext was for getting you over there.  
38  
39 Q. So this happened all the way through to years 9 and 10  
40 and 11 and 12 with you?  
41 A. Yes.  
42  
43 Q. Did you always regard that what he was doing wasn't  
44 right or was inappropriate, can you remember?  
45 A. Yes, I did. In that era men and boys had very little  
46 contact, unlike today. My father to this day shakes my  
47 hand and is reluctant to give me a hug when I see him

1 because that was the way it was in those days. There was  
2 very little contact between particularly men and boys.  
3 What he was doing, to my mind, was extremely unusual and  
4 very uncomfortable for somebody of my upbringing and  
5 I hated every minute of it.  
6

7 Q. Was there also something else that he would do  
8 regarding showering?

9 A. Yes and it did never occur to me as being odd until  
10 I look back on it in the last few years. The showers were  
11 an open room, tiled open room with maybe 12 or 15 showers  
12 against one wall. There was no privacy at all. You took  
13 your clothes off and you got under the shower. I believe  
14 I'm correct in saying that every single day that I was at  
15 the hostel Roy Wenlock would take the showers - I mean by  
16 "taking the showers" that he would stand in the corner of  
17 the room with a clipboard and tick your name off that  
18 you're required to have a shower and your name would be  
19 ticked off and he would tell the kids when to change. He  
20 used to say "Change please" and the kids under the shower  
21 would get out and the next lot would get in and we would  
22 line up out in the corridor. He did that every single time  
23 and observed the children in the showers the whole time.  
24 Given the work that the prefects did on all kinds of other  
25 jobs in the hostel, from running the canteen and the  
26 library to kitchen duty and any manner of things, it  
27 occurred to me only a few years ago that that was a very  
28 odd thing for him to do and the prefects could have and  
29 probably should have been doing that job instead of him.  
30

31 Q. Would there be any reason for him to be within the  
32 shower block itself doing that task?

33 A. No, he could just as easily have been standing at the  
34 door where there was no view of the naked children.  
35

36 Q. Did you become a prefect in your final year there?

37 A. I did, yes.  
38

39 Q. Who had the job of selecting prefects for the hostel?

40 A. To my knowledge it was Roy Wenlock alone but I don't  
41 really know.  
42

43 Q. If I could take you now to your final year at school,  
44 you're a prefect. Did that entitle you to special  
45 privileges over and above other students who would not be  
46 prefects?

47 A. Yes, it did.

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2 Q. Can you give some examples of that?  
3 A. There was various minor - there was no major advantage  
4 of being a prefect. You had your own room but then when I  
5 was in year 12, all the year 12s had their own room, so  
6 I suppose that wasn't very significant. You got to go to  
7 the front of the line at showers, you'd walk straight into  
8 the showers. You could walk straight to the front of the  
9 line in the dining room. You were often allowed to take  
10 his car if you needed to go down the street, Roy Wenlock  
11 would make that available and by then I was 17 and had my  
12 licence, so I was one of the prefects that was allowed to  
13 drive his car from time to time.  
14  
15 Q. Would he only allow people to, in your experience,  
16 drive his car if they had a licence?  
17 A. Absolutely - well, to the best of my knowledge, yes.  
18 I remember I was one of the first - I and another boy, Ross  
19 Fitzsimmons - when we came back to year 12 we were the only  
20 two to have licences and to the best of my knowledge we  
21 were the only two that were allowed to drive until others  
22 subsequently got their licences in the year.  
23  
24 Q. Was it a particular car that had a great deal of  
25 attraction to 17-year-old boys?  
26 A. Yes. I think he had three cars when I was at the  
27 hostel. Every second year or so he'd buy a new car and  
28 they were always - I think they were Monaros but they were  
29 high-powered Holden V8s.  
30  
31 Q. Can you recall a particular occasion when he invited  
32 you or asked you to come to his flat when you were in fifth  
33 year? Do you recall this occasion because of what you  
34 subsequently did afterwards?  
35 A. Yes, I do.  
36  
37 Q. So once more on that occasion did the same thing that  
38 pen that you have described earlier?  
39 A. Yes.  
40  
41 Q. After that visit how were you feeling after that  
42 particular one?  
43 A. I was very upset. I don't really remember my  
44 motivation for being - I mean, I was always upset after  
45 these instances but I don't recall whether I was angry or  
46 ashamed or - no, I don't - I was just very upset, I  
47 remember.

1  
2 Q. So this is 1976?  
3 A. Yes.  
4  
5 Q. Your final year at the school there. So on that  
6 occasion did you decide to do something differently other  
7 than just go back to the dormitory?  
8 A. Yes. I was a prefect in the second or third year  
9 dorm, I can't remember which one, but I had access to fire  
10 stairs outside my room and I left the hostel and went and  
11 visited a friend.  
12  
13 Q. Can you recall the name of that friend?  
14 A. Yes, it was Brett McIver.  
15  
16 Q. So Brett McIver, was he your friend from the school?  
17 A. Yes, he was a school friend but he obviously resided  
18 in town.  
19  
20 Q. I see, yes. What year was he in in 1976?  
21 A. He repeated year 12 is any recollection, so he was in  
22 year 12 with me.  
23  
24 Q. Where did he live in relation to the hostel?  
25 A. I can't remember the name of the street but it was  
26 maybe half a mile from the hostel, sort of south of the  
27 hostel.  
28  
29 Q. So you walked to his place?  
30 A. Yes.  
31  
32 Q. Was this night-time?  
33 A. Yes. By then it would have been, I don't know, maybe  
34 10 or 11 o'clock at night.  
35  
36 Q. Apart from just mention it in a general way to your  
37 friends at school, had you ever spoken to anyone in more  
38 detail regarding your experiences with Roy Wenlock?  
39 A. No.  
40  
41 Q. Do you recall how you got your friend Brett's  
42 attention on this particular night?  
43 A. Yes, I imagine I'd been to his place socially a number  
44 of times. I knew where his bedroom was. He slept on sort  
45 of a sleep-out, on a veranda sleep-out type thing with  
46 louvre windows and I remember tapping on the window,  
47 knowing where his room was.

1  
2 Q. Did he come and see you?  
3 A. Yes, yes, I went inside and I think I recall  
4 liberating a couple of bottles of beer out of his father's  
5 fridge and we - I discussed the matter with him at great  
6 length.  
7  
8 Q. Was that in the house or did you go somewhere else?  
9 A. I believe it was at the house.  
10  
11 Q. You mentioned his father. Did you know - obviously  
12 you'd met his father. Did you know what his occupation was  
13 at that time?  
14 A. Yes, I did know that Brett's father was a politician  
15 and I don't specifically remember meeting him but I played  
16 hockey with Brett and I'd been to his house probably  
17 numerable times, so I would have met him.  
18  
19 Q. How much detail did you go into your experiences with  
20 Roy Wenlock with Brett on this occasion, can you recall?  
21 A. I can't recall specifically but I do recall thinking -  
22 well, I was in my last year there and there was very little  
23 for me left to lose and Roy Wenlock's hold on me was going  
24 to be gone very shortly and I remember - I distinctly  
25 remember being very angry and very upset. I would imagine  
26 that I told him as much as I knew.  
27  
28 Q. Can you recall what happened after that?  
29 A. I don't recall anything more, except I'm sure it was  
30 in the next week - look, a few days later, anyway - Brett  
31 approaching me at school and asking me if I would have a  
32 meeting with his father, that he'd spoken to his father  
33 about it and his father would like to meet with me and  
34 discuss what had happened, which I subsequently did.  
35  
36 Q. Can you recall when it would have been during the week  
37 that you did that?  
38 A. No, it was a weekend. I'm fairly sure it was a  
39 weekend. It would have been difficult during the week to  
40 explain an absence of that length of time without somebody  
41 knowing that you were gone from the hostel.  
42  
43 Q. So you didn't normally go home on the weekends?  
44 A. No. Most terms we would stay there for the 12, 13 or  
45 14-week terms.  
46  
47 Q. Can you recall where this meeting took place?

1 A. I am sure it - it was at Brett McIver's house.  
2  
3 Q. And did you take anybody - anyone to come with you to  
4 that meeting?  
5 A. My recollection is that I did. I thought I invited  
6 the head boy, who I was particularly close to. I was  
7 subsequently lead to believe that he didn't come with me so  
8 I may have been mistaken - well, I was obviously mistaken  
9 about him, but I am fairly sure that somebody came with me,  
10 but I can't recall who it was.  
11  
12 Q. Now, you mentioned the head boy. We'll be hearing  
13 from him, or at least have a statement read from him in due  
14 course. What was his name?  
15 A. Adrian Gamble.  
16  
17 Q. Did you tell your parents about this proposed meeting?  
18 A. No.  
19  
20 Q. Was there any reason for that?  
21 A. Apart from the fact that in those days we didn't have  
22 iPhones --  
23  
24 Q. Yes.  
25 A. -- it was very difficult to contact your parents. You  
26 had to line up at a phone booth and wait your turn and  
27 sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. I've  
28 considered this a lot in the last few weeks, about why we  
29 didn't talk to our parents about this, and I keep going  
30 back to the fact that it was - you know, what was happening  
31 was - was something that you couldn't easily discuss with  
32 your parents in those days, and I believe there was two  
33 reasons that I didn't discuss it with my parents any  
34 further, and that was that Roy Wenlock had absolute power  
35 over us, and I've already said that he was very clever  
36 about having good relationships with your parents. I  
37 believe that if I had tried to talk to my parents about it,  
38 their response would have been something to the effect that  
39 it was good that he was showing some fatherly interest in -  
40 in me, and if it - if the wrestling was discussed, "Well,  
41 that's, you know, he's just being a father-figure." Now,  
42 once that had happened, there's no going back. Roy Wenlock  
43 would know that you tried to dob him in and I wouldn't have  
44 liked to have been the boy that was at the hostel with him  
45 after that. The other reason is that certainly from my  
46 viewpoint it went no further than I - I have discussed.  
47 I've recounted. If it had gone any further, probably then

1 you would have made a different decision, but certainly  
2 from my viewpoint and the other children I spoke to, we  
3 managed it in the best way we could, and we just lived with  
4 it, and it was just part of being at the hostel.  
5  
6 Q. Right.  
7 A. So, no, I didn't discuss the meeting with my parents.  
8  
9 Q. Either before or afterwards?  
10 A. No.  
11  
12 HIS HONOUR: Q. So it sounds like a feeling of  
13 powerlessness was the main reason why you didn't try and  
14 tell anybody?  
15 A. Absolutely.  
16  
17 Q. Yes.  
18 A. Absolutely, sir.  
19  
20 MR URQUHART: Q. All right. Mr Thomson, you mentioned  
21 there that you took a friend. You thought it might have  
22 been Adrian Gamble, but you've come to believe that it may  
23 not have been, so you don't know who else it might have  
24 been, but it was definitely somebody you took with you.  
25 A. My recollection is I took somebody with me, but I may  
26 be wrong about that too.  
27  
28 Q. About what?  
29 A. Yes.  
30  
31 Q. Okay.  
32 A. My recollection is somebody came with me.  
33  
34 Q. Now, you believe it was at Mr McIver's house?  
35 A. Yes.  
36  
37 Q. Can you recall who was there, who else was at that  
38 meeting that you had? Obviously Mr McIver.  
39 A. Yes. Mr McIver was there. It was in his lounge room,  
40 and I distinctly remember the very ornate lounge chairs we  
41 sat on. I don't know why, but I do.  
42  
43 Q. Okay.  
44 A. I don't remember whether Brett McIver stayed for the  
45 meeting, but Ken McIver was there, and a member of the  
46 clergy was there.  
47

1 Q. I see. And how did you know that person was a member  
2 of the clergy.  
3 A. I don't recall whether Brett McIver told me at school  
4 that this was going to happen, that - that his father and  
5 this other person was going to be there or whether I - that  
6 was a surprise to me when I got there, but either way I was  
7 told that he was a prominent member of the clergy and he  
8 would be - he would be listening and he would do something  
9 about the situation.  
10  
11 Q. Okay. So no doubt you would have been introduced to  
12 this --  
13 A. Yes.  
14  
15 Q. -- member of the clergy?  
16 A. Yes.  
17  
18 Q. Can you recall now who that was?  
19 A. No. I don't - I don't remember the name.  
20  
21 Q. Right.  
22 A. It's a long time.  
23  
24 HIS HONOUR: Q. Do you remember what he looked like at  
25 all?  
26 A. No, your Honour, I, it's a long, long time ago.  
27  
28 HIS HONOUR: Fair enough.  
29  
30 MR URQUHART: Q. And I think it's the case, is it not,  
31 that you can't be certain, even if a surname was mentioned  
32 to you, whether it would be that person?  
33 A. A surname was mentioned to me, and at the time I was  
34 confident that was the person that it was, but I've sworn  
35 on the Bible, and I can't be sure.  
36  
37 Q. And that name that was mentioned to you?  
38 A. Was "Challen".  
39  
40 Q. Right. As you said, because of the oath you've taken,  
41 you can't be certain whether it was --  
42 A. I can't be certain.  
43  
44 MR URQUHART: Okay.  
45  
46 HIS HONOUR: Right.  
47

1 Q. Just pausing there now. Coming up with that name  
2 "Challen", where did you get that from - from your memory  
3 or from somewhere else?

4 A. No, somebody mentioned that name to me recently.

5  
6 Q. And when you heard that name, what did you think?

7 A. I immediately thought, "Yes, that was it", but --

8  
9 Q. But you're not certain.

10 A. Yes, look, I'm not certain.

11  
12 Q. All right, thank you.

13 A. If somebody had said "Bill Smith" to me, I might have  
14 thought the same.

15  
16 HIS HONOUR: Might have said the same thing, yes.

17  
18 MR URQUHART: Q. And just to establish who that was, was  
19 that during an interview that you had with Inquiry  
20 Investigators?

21 A. That's correct.

22  
23 Q. Thank you. All right. Can you recall who it was who  
24 did - well, apart from you, who did most of the talking at  
25 this meeting?

26 A. No, I can't clearly recall. My memory of it is that  
27 both Mr McIver and the other gentleman asked me a lot of  
28 questions. My best memory of it would be that the church  
29 member asked most of the questions.

30  
31 Q. And did you give a full account of these experiences  
32 that you had with Roy Wenlock over the years?

33 A. In for a penny, in for a pound. I was committed by  
34 then; so, yes, I told them everything I knew and gave them  
35 other kids they could talk to, to back up what I was  
36 saying.

37  
38 Q. So you actually gave them the names --

39 A. As much as I could.

40  
41 Q. Right. And can you recall roughly how many other kids  
42 that you were aware of that this had happened to?

43 A. Gee, over the years --

44  
45 Q. I don't need to know names, but just numbers.

46 A. Yes, these days I would be battling to name too many  
47 names, but I would think that over my four or five years

1 there I would have been aware of at least 20 other students  
2 that the same thing was happening to.  
3  
4 MR URQUHART: I see.  
5  
6 HIS HONOUR: Q. So how many names do you think you gave  
7 Ken McIver and the clergyman?  
8 A. Difficult to say, your Honour, but I would think,  
9 probably at least half-a-dozen names.  
10  
11 MR URQUHART: Q. This might be testing you - probably  
12 will be testing your memory. Can you recall whether they  
13 were writing anything down as you spoke to them, or not?  
14 If you can't, that's fine.  
15 A. I can't recall.  
16  
17 HIS HONOUR: Q. What did you say in relation to those  
18 names that you gave them?  
19 A. My recollection is that I went into the meeting not  
20 expecting to be believed, and I gave them those names in an  
21 attempt to corroborate what I was saying; that my  
22 expectation is they wouldn't believe me, but they could ask  
23 these other boys and they would - they would back up what I  
24 was saying.  
25  
26 Q. That the same thing had happened to them?  
27 A. Yes.  
28  
29 HIS HONOUR: Right.  
30  
31 MR URQUHART: Q. And you said that was your - okay, that  
32 was your initial belief, that you wouldn't be believed.  
33 What about as the meeting progressed and, indeed, by the  
34 end of the meeting?  
35 A. I remember being very impressed. I was a bit in awe  
36 of Ken McIver. He was a very important man, and I was very  
37 impressed that he would even take the time to meet with me,  
38 let alone take what I had to say seriously, but I was very  
39 happy with the reception I got from both men, and my  
40 impression was that they listened to me and they made no  
41 indication that they disbelieved me.  
42  
43 Q. And can you recall how long this meeting lasted for?  
44 A. I was surprised that it lasted as long as it did. As  
45 I say, I didn't think I would be believed. I thought I  
46 would be out of there in 15 minutes with a - being told to  
47 behave myself in future and stop telling lies. I can't

1 recall, but I was - I was surprised that it lasted that  
2 length of time, which I would estimate to be probably  
3 between one and two hours.  
4

5 Q. Right. Now, you've said that it was in your final  
6 year at school?

7 A. Yes.  
8

9 Q. Are you certain about that?

10 A. Yes, because I was a prefect. It must have been my  
11 final year at school.  
12

13 Q. What about the time of the year? Do you have a memory  
14 of when it was precisely?

15 A. I've got it convinced - I'm convinced it was late in  
16 the year because I don't recall it being cold when I went  
17 down there. Northam was a terribly cold place in winter  
18 and I don't remember it being cold that night when I went  
19 down to see Brett; but, gee, it's 40 years ago, it could  
20 have been any time of the year.  
21

22 Q. Okay. So you got a positive reception from what you  
23 had to say, from these two gentlemen. Can you recall how  
24 it was left, that --

25 A. No, I don't recall how it was left. My impression is,  
26 and my expectation would have been, being a 17-year-old  
27 student, is that parents or adults didn't tell you what  
28 they were going to do next. You were dismissed and they  
29 did what they wanted to do, so I would have had no  
30 expectation of being told what was to happen next, and I  
31 don't think I was.  
32

33 Q. Right. Following that meeting, can you recall whether  
34 Roy Wenlock ever invited you back to his unit again?

35 A. I'm pretty sure he didn't.  
36

37 Q. Again, it's time to test your memory - can you recall  
38 whether any other boys were invited back to his unit after  
39 that meeting you had?

40 A. I - I couldn't say.  
41

42 Q. Now, you've completed your schooling at the end of  
43 that year. Was Roy Wenlock still warden then?

44 A. Yes.  
45

46 Q. Did you hear something the following year - firstly,  
47 before I ask you that, what did you do at the end of your

1 Year 12, end of 1976?  
2 A. I initially went and worked on the wheat bins down at  
3 Mt Madden, down - down the south, Great Southern, and I  
4 returned back to the farm midyear to - to help put the -  
5 put the seeding program in - sort of this time of the year.  
6  
7 Q. So, mid --  
8 A. Then I spent the next three or four years on the farm.  
9  
10 Q. So mid '77 onwards you were back on the farm?  
11 A. Yes.  
12  
13 Q. Do you remember hearing something about Roy Wenlock  
14 that following year, 1977?  
15 A. Yes. I had - still had sisters that went to the -  
16 went to Adamson House, just down the road, and they went to  
17 the Northam High School, so we still heard what was  
18 happening there, and I did hear - I assume from them, or  
19 maybe from other kids that were going there at the time -  
20 that Roy Wenlock left and there was some talk amongst  
21 whoever - whoever told me, that the current head boy, a boy  
22 by the name of Seaby had something to do with getting rid  
23 of him.  
24  
25 Q. But, again, that was just rumour that you heard?  
26 A. Yes.  
27  
28 HIS HONOUR: Q. Did you say "Seaby"?  
29 A. Yes, his surname was Seaby.  
30  
31 Q. S-E-A-B-Y?  
32 A. Yes. There was a number of Seabys while I was there -  
33 John, Doug - but I can't remember which one it was. I  
34 don't think it was John. It could have been Doug.  
35  
36 MR URQUHART: I see. Yes, I thank you, Mr Thompson,  
37 that's all the questions I have, sir.  
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39 HIS HONOUR: Are there any questions from the Bar table?  
40 Any other questions?  
41  
42 MR JENKIN: No, thank you, sir.  
43  
44 MS MORGAN: No, thank you.  
45  
46 HIS HONOUR: Well, thank you very much, Mr Thompson. Your  
47 evidence is very helpful. I'd like to thank you very much

1 for coming forward.

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3 THE WITNESS: Could I make a comment?

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5 HIS HONOUR: You certainly may.

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7 THE WITNESS: Much has been made of the Katanning Inquiry,  
8 about people not doing anything when they were told. One  
9 of the main reasons that I came forward was probably a  
10 sense of embarrassment and shame that when I left, I didn't  
11 do more to stop this - this practice, for various reasons,  
12 but be it as it may, that's the way it was, but I'd just  
13 like to acknowledge certainly Brett McIver, at a young age,  
14 for doing what he did for a friend - there was nothing in  
15 it for him to approach his father - and try and sort it out  
16 for us, and I'd like to acknowledge that when he became  
17 aware of the seriousness of what was going on there, he  
18 made it - a large effort to do something about it, and I  
19 think that should be acknowledged.

20

21 His father also was obviously a very busy politician  
22 and probably had a lot more important things to be spending  
23 his time on than that, and to spend the time he did with me  
24 and at least acknowledged that there was an issue there, I  
25 was very impressed with, and although he's dead now, that  
26 should be acknowledged that - I don't know what he did with  
27 the information, but at least he listened. I don't know  
28 what the church person did with the information, but I  
29 think he should probably be acknowledged that at least he  
30 listened and hopefully he did something, and something was  
31 done. And these days where everybody wants to blame  
32 someone, I'd just like to acknowledge that at least those  
33 guys helped me.

34

35 HIS HONOUR: That's very well said, Mr Thompson, thank you  
36 very much. You're free to leave.

37

38 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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40 <THE WITNESS WITHDREW

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42 MR URQUHART: Thank you, sir. What I propose now doing  
43 for the balance of the afternoon is again read a number of  
44 statements into evidence once more. There's at least one  
45 of these authors of these statements who wishes to remain  
46 anonymous, but most of them do not. They are all  
47 ex-students from St Christopher's Hostel, and were staying

1 at the hostel for various years throughout the 1970s.

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3 So there are a total of five, sir, and if we can deal  
4 with the first one. This is a statement from Glenn Charles  
5 Underwood. Sir, he refers to two classmates of his, and  
6 they'll be simply identified as "R" and "S", even though  
7 they are named in the statement. So does your Honour have  
8 that copy?

9  
10 HIS HONOUR: I'll be fine. You can start reading.

11  
12 MR URQUHART: Yes. Glenn Charles Underwood states:

13  
14 I am 54 years old and live in Bunbury with  
15 my wife, Debie UNDERWOOD.

16  
17 Debie and I are parents to three (adult)  
18 children.

19  
20 I am employed as a Maintenance Planning  
21 Superintendent at Premier Cole in Collie.

22  
23 I grew up on a farm in Dowerin. Dowerin is  
24 a Wheatbelt town about 60kms from NORTHAM.

25  
26 I might not have pronounced that correctly, but at least I  
27 can spell it correctly - D-O-W-E-R-I-N:

28  
29 In 1971, I started high school and was sent  
30 to board at St Christopher's Hostel in  
31 Northam so I could attend Northam High  
32 School.

33  
34 Northam was the regional centre of the  
35 Wheatbelt and most kids from farms in small  
36 towns inland from Northam went to Northam  
37 High School.

38  
39 There was St Christopher's Hostel in  
40 Northam for the male boarders and Adamson  
41 House for the girls.

42  
43 My brothers Paul and Craig (UNDERWOOD) and  
44 cousins Dean and Greg (UNDERWOOD) also  
45 boarded at St Christopher's Hostel.

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47 My cousin Linley UNDERWOOD --

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L-I-N-L-E-Y:

-- boarded at Adamson House.

I boarded at St Christopher's Hostel for four years from 1971 to 1974.

I left school at the end of year four as I was not recommended to do year five.

Year five is the same as year twelve nowadays. It's the final year of high school.

I did an apprenticeship in the mining industry when I left school.

I can't remember now who the Principle of Northam High School was while I was a student there, but the warden of St Christopher's Hostel while I boarded there was Roy WENLOCK.

WENLOCK was known as "SNOZZ" by the hostel boarders.

There were about five teachers who taught at Northam High School that lived at St Christopher's Hostel. They helped out with the running of the place, supervising boarders and such.

I don't remember any of their names now.

Mrs LOGAN was a matron at the hostel. I remember she did first aid treatments whenever any of us hurt ourselves.

WENLOCK was a strict disciplinarian. He kept the boarders to strict rules and routines - regimented routines.

WENLOCK was a church going man and all students were required to attend church weekly.

1 WENLOCK would preach at church on occasions  
2 and would wear the full robes to church.  
3  
4 We usually got taken to church on a bus  
5 that WENLOCK would drive. He let prefects  
6 drive his own car, a Holden Monaro, to  
7 church most weeks.  
8  
9 Every Morning WENLOCK would come into the  
10 shower block and do a roll call of all  
11 boarders present.  
12  
13 There were no cubicles in the shower block.  
14 It was an open space with shower heads in a  
15 row.  
16  
17 Every morning WENLOCK would stand there and  
18 watch us all shower while "checking" us off  
19 his list.  
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21 After showers were had, WENLOCK did  
22 inspections of the boarder's personal  
23 presentation and of our dormitory cubicles.  
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25 We were required to wear a tie and blazer  
26 to school and WENLOCK checked our hair and  
27 shoes. Non hostel student at Northam High  
28 School did not have to wear ties to school.  
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30 We had to have regular haircuts and ensure  
31 our shoes were clean and shiny.  
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33 Given that WENLOCK checked us all every  
34 morning while were dressed and ready for  
35 school, there really wasn't a need for him  
36 to hang around the showers on the pretence  
37 of a roll call.  
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39 I was a bit of a ratbag at school and at  
40 the hostel and was often in trouble for one  
41 thing or another.  
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43 I got the cane from WENLOCK for punishment  
44 15 or 16 times during my time at St  
45 Christopher's. WENLOCK gave six lashings  
46 on an open hand every time he used the  
47 cane.

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Sport was a big thing at the hostel.  
WENLOCK encouraged all the boarders to get involved in sports both within and external to the hostel.

I played football four to five times a week for the hostel team and with a local Northam team.

WENLOCK coached the hostel football team and was very involved in cricket.

If you were good at sports, WENLOCK would have a quiet word in your ear and offer for boarders to go up to his flat as a reward. He'd promised cool drink, lollies and the like.

I didn't get asked to go up to WENLOCKS flat until 1973. I was 15 years old that year.

I went to his flat on three occasions. The first time with a group of other hostel boarders. We all went and watched television. WENLOCK was there. Nothing happened on this occasion that I saw. We all just hung out and watched TV.

Another time I went to WENLOCKS flat was with another boarder --

Who Mr Underwood names but I will simply identify, sir, as "R":

"R" and I were great mates during high school but over a period of time living at the hostel, "R" became very withdrawn and really kept to himself.

"R" used to go to WENLOCKS flat a lot by himself. He never complained about WENLOCK or said that anything was wrong but his personality changed and he avoided hanging out as mates. I didn't have much to do with "R" towards the end of my time at high

1 school.

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3 The third time I went up to WENLOCKS flat  
4 was with another boarder --

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6 Who he again names, sir, but I will simply refer to as "S":

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8 During both these visits I was told by  
9 WENLOCK I should have a wrestle with him.

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11 Because I was so often in trouble at school  
12 and getting reprimanded by WENLOCK I didn't  
13 want to disobey him so I went along with  
14 it.

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16 Looking back now, as an adult and a parent,  
17 I can see that what WENLOCK did was wrong  
18 and that he was trying to get his rocks  
19 off.

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21 In saying that, I mean that WENLOCK got  
22 sexual gratification by "wrestling" with  
23 boarders.

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25 The time that is clearest in my mind is  
26 when I was in WENLOCKS flat with "S".

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28 WENLOCK went into his bathroom first and  
29 would come into the lounge room stripped  
30 down to wear only a pair of shorts. He  
31 told me to strip off to just my shorts as  
32 well.

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34 I was really a naive kid and because he was  
35 the warden, went along with what he said I  
36 had to do.

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38 WENLOCK lay on his back on the lounge room  
39 floor and gave me instructions of what to  
40 do.

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42 He told me to sit on top of him so that my  
43 backside was seated on his groin. I  
44 basically straddled him.

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46 I had to hook my feet under his backside so  
47 I was tucked close to his body.

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2 He then got me to lean across his body and  
3 use my hands to squeeze his armpits.  
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5 He'd tell me to squeeze really hard and  
6 over time would say "Keep doing that" and  
7 to squeeze harder.  
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9 He didn't say much of anything else that I  
10 can remember, he just told me what to do  
11 and when to do it.  
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13 This lasted for about an hour. It wasn't  
14 wrestling that is for sure.  
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16 I couldn't tell you if WENLOCK got aroused  
17 or had an erection but the feeling I had  
18 even back then was that he was getting his  
19 rocks off.  
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21 What WENLOCK did didn't seem right to me at  
22 the time but I didn't know any better back  
23 then other than to do what I was told to  
24 do.  
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26 I wasn't penetrated by WENLOCK, and he  
27 didn't grab me on my genitals or anything  
28 like that, still I consider what he did to  
29 me as a 14/15 year old kid to be abuse.  
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31 It's sickening when I think back to it now.  
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33 "S" stood by and watched what WENLOCK did  
34 to me that night. WENLOCK encouraged him  
35 to join in but he refused. He seemed  
36 shocked, what I refer to as "freaked out".  
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38 This happened pretty late one night but I  
39 don't remember exactly when. I do remember  
40 that WENLOCK gave "S" and I chocolates and  
41 a cool drink afterwards and we got to watch  
42 a bit of TV.  
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44 It was around midnight by the time we got  
45 back to our dorm. I remember WENLOCK had  
46 fallen asleep in a chair in the lounge room  
47 and as it got late we just let ourselves

1 out of his flat so we could get to bed.  
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3 My cubicle was the first cubicle as you  
4 walked in the door to the dormitory so I  
5 knew who came and went in and out  
6 throughout the night.  
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8 Study period was from 6 until 8pm and  
9 lights out was usually 10pm.  
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11 It was after lights out that boys would go  
12 out of the dorm to WENLOCKS flat. I don't  
13 know how long they'd been gone for because  
14 I wasn't watching the clock but it was  
15 longer than a quick trip to the toilet.  
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17 You could tell by their demeanour they were  
18 upset when they returned. You could tell  
19 something was wrong.  
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21 No one came out and directly talked about  
22 what WENLOCK was doing when I was at the  
23 hostel but we all knew what was going on in  
24 as much as WENLOCK was doing things to the  
25 boarders that weren't quite right.  
26  
27 There was rumour and innuendo among the  
28 borders about WENLOCK being a "POOFTER" as  
29 in homosexual but I don't remember anyone  
30 speaking out directly about what they were  
31 experiencing at WENLOCKS hands.  
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33 I know I didn't approach any teachers at  
34 school or the hostel. Teachers, to me were  
35 the enemy. I was always in trouble so I  
36 avoided them.  
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38 I told my Mum what WENLOCK did to me not  
39 long after it happened. She told me out  
40 right she didn't believe me.  
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42 She said he was a good Christian man and a  
43 respected sports coach and that he would  
44 never do "such a thing".  
45  
46 Because my Mum didn't believe me, I can't  
47 imagine she would have told anyone else.

1 Like the school principle or a staff member  
2 at the hostel for example.  
3  
4 My Father was a member of the Freemasons  
5 and wouldn't consider someone in WENLOCKS  
6 position doing anything abusive or against  
7 the order so to speak.  
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9 I never really discussed it with my Father.  
10 It was something I took to my Mum.  
11  
12 Mum and I talked about it a few years back.  
13 She repeated that she didn't believe me  
14 when I first told her as a kid but she  
15 adamantly believes me now.  
16  
17 I caught up with "S" in Wyalkatchem about  
18 ten years ago and we recalled, looking back  
19 on what WENLOCK did, how wrong it was.  
20  
21 I'll just spell Wyalkatchem - W-Y-A-L-K-A-T-C-H-E-M. I've  
22 been called it's pronounced Wyalkatchem. Thank you to my  
23 colleagues:  
24  
25 I remember "S" saying to me "How'd you go  
26 having a wrestle with WENLOCK now?"  
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28 We had a laugh about it but I felt sickened  
29 at the thought of it all the same.  
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31 I contacted the St Andrew's Hostel Inquiry  
32 in April 2012 to report my experiences at  
33 St Christopher's Hostel in Northam as I  
34 know there are many boarder's at the hostel  
35 who suffered at the hands of WENLOCK.  
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37 I gave a statement to Investigators  
38 attached to the inquiry on 25 April 2012.  
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40 Then there's the standard declaration at the end:  
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42 This statement is true to the best of my  
43 knowledge and belief. I have made this  
44 statement knowing that if it's tendered in  
45 evidence, I'll be guilty of a crime if I  
46 wilfully include in the statement anything  
47 that I know to be false or that I do not

1 believe is true.

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3 It's been then signed by Mr Underwood and it's dated 8 May  
4 2012.

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6 Sir, the next statement I propose reading into  
7 evidence is that of Adrian Gamble. Sir, he names one  
8 student in this statement, but that student will simply be  
9 referred to as "T", when I read this statement out. Adrian  
10 Gamble states:

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12 I am 53 years old and live in Sydney. I am  
13 a general manager for an insurance company.

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15 I grew up in the wheatbelt, the nearest  
16 town to our farm was Kalannie --

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18 Or Kalannie.

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20 HIS HONOUR: Kalannie.

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22 MR URQUHART: Kalannie, thank you, sir:

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24 I attended Kalannie Primary School --

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26 K-A-L-A-N-N-I-E is the spelling of "Kalannie":

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28 There was no high school in Kalannie; the  
29 nearest high school was in Dalwallinu  
30 District High School which was about 40  
31 miles away.

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33 It was arranged by my parents that I attend  
34 at Northam Senior High School and so I  
35 boarded at the St Christopher's Hostel  
36 which was in Northam also. I was there  
37 from 1971 until I left in 1976.

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39 When I started at the hostel Roy Wenlock  
40 was the warden and there was a female  
41 matron. I do not recall her name but we  
42 used to refer to her as "Ma".

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44 She was replaced by a former Policeman who  
45 became deputy warden and his wife was the  
46 matron. His name was Walter Dennison.

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1 My first impression of Roy Wenlock was that  
2 he was a strict, but fair, disciplinarian.  
3 He would do regular checks of the dormitory  
4 to ensure it was kept clean and tidy.

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6 There were different methods of discipline  
7 used including the cane which was used by  
8 both Wenlock and the housemasters. It  
9 would have to be quite extreme  
10 circumstances for the cane to be used. At  
11 that time the cane was also used at school  
12 as a method of discipline.

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14 It would be more common for us to be given  
15 extra cleaning, laundry or kitchen duties  
16 as a punishment or to be banned from  
17 participating in sport or shopping in town.

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19 The first year I was at the hostel I did  
20 not have much to do with Roy Wenlock and it  
21 was only when I was in my second year that  
22 I had more contact with him. He was often  
23 referred to as "Snozz" by the students.

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25 In my second year Wenlock invited me to his  
26 flat for a chat and a cool drink. This  
27 happened on several occasions.

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29 I remember he would grab you by the  
30 shoulder across the muscle that runs  
31 between your neck and shoulder. This would  
32 make your neck cringe or even make you drop  
33 to the ground. He would say "Geez, you're  
34 a big brute". I recall this was done in a  
35 playful manner and felt almost fatherly.

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37 Wenlock was known for calling kids "brutes"  
38 in a joking manner.

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40 We used to have compulsory study after  
41 school and sometimes Wenlock would invite  
42 me back to his flat for a cool drink,  
43 perhaps chocolate, and to watch TV after  
44 study. This was a somewhat of a treat as I  
45 did not often drink cool drink.

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47 When I was in my third year Wenlock would

1 sometimes invite me to have a "wrestle"  
2 with him. He would give me a pair of swim  
3 trunks to wear so my clothes would not get  
4 ripped. He would also wear swim trunks and  
5 we would wrestle on the floor of his  
6 lounge.

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8 Some of the wrestling positions would  
9 involve me either being on top of him or  
10 him being on top of me. During these  
11 wrestling sessions there was never any  
12 sexual contact although years later I  
13 realised it is possible that he may have  
14 got sexual gratification from this.

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16 It was common knowledge that these  
17 wrestling sessions went on with boys in the  
18 hostel and students would talk about you  
19 "having a brute with Snozz".

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21 Sometimes Wenlock would have more than one  
22 student in his flat and it was not the case  
23 that he would only have one student. He  
24 would constantly invite there on a regular  
25 basis. There would be a number of students  
26 who would all be invited to his flat on  
27 occasions.

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29 In 1975 I became head boy of the hostel and  
30 the high school. Within the hostel the  
31 head boy and the prefects would assist with  
32 discipline matters with students such as  
33 giving out extra kitchen and laundry duties  
34 or dormitory cleaning. The appointment at  
35 the hostel was made by Wenlock.

36  
37 When I became head boy my relationship with  
38 Wenlock changed and it almost became more  
39 professional. At this time the "wrestling"  
40 stopped.

41  
42 When we had movies or school/hostel socials  
43 Wenlock would make sure that if the  
44 students had a girlfriend that he would  
45 walk them home after. He would wait until  
46 they returned and then tick their names  
47 off.

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He would sometimes ask me to sit and wait with him until the students returned. He would check to make sure that they had not been drinking or smoking. It was possible he turned a "blind" eye to small indiscretions.

I have good memories of Roy Wenlock and recall that he did a lot for the hostel and for the students. He was very supportive of me when my father passed away in 1976. I remember that he looked after me and gave me a great deal of emotional support. There was not any overt physical contact in the support I received at this time.

I recall that Wenlock did good things for the hostel and for the students. He would take students on holiday and try to create a family environment. I recall there was a student at the hostel who was from Broome and Wenlock would arrange for him to spend time with other students on the weekends as he could not go home.

When I was in my last year at the hostel I recall that Wenlock would allow me and other year 12 students to drive his car. He would also arrange for me to be driven to public speaking events in Perth.

Sometime in 1976, I think it was later in the year, I remember that there was an issue with a student who was in second or third year who had had his shirt ripped while in, or leaving, Wenlock's flat one night. I do not recall the student's name.

I also remember that a number of students had a poor relationship with Wenlock..

Following the issue with the student with the ripped shirt there was an informal discussion between some of the prefects about the "bruting" sessions and how, if shirts were being ripped, it would need to

1 stop.

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3 Although I was not aware of the meeting  
4 before it occurred I recall that Lindsay  
5 Caddy, Ted Thompson and another student,  
6 perhaps --

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8 And this will be the student I will simply refer to as "T":

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10 -- spoke with Brett McIver who was a  
11 student at the high school. Brett's father  
12 was Ken McIver who was the local Member of  
13 Parliament.

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15 I understand they then had a meeting with  
16 Ken McIver to talk about the situation at  
17 the hostel and that Mr McIver then  
18 contacted the Anglican Minister who was the  
19 chairman of the hostel board.

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21 My understanding was that the Anglican  
22 Minister then spoke to Roy Wenlock and he  
23 was told that he was to stop having  
24 students in his flat unsupervised.

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26 I do not know if this was common knowledge  
27 among the hostel students but it was  
28 certainly common knowledge among the  
29 prefects at the hostel.

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31 After this happened I do not recall Wenlock  
32 inviting students to his flat. It may be  
33 the case that he stopped this due to the  
34 meeting he had with the Chairman of the  
35 Hostel Board of Management.

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37 I left the hostel and school at the end of  
38 1976 and went to the USA for 12 months on  
39 an exchange program via the Rotary Club  
40 which was, in part, organised for me by  
41 Wenlock.

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43 The following year when I was overseas I  
44 heard that there had been another problem  
45 with Wenlock having a student in his flat  
46 and the student made a complaint. I  
47 believe that Wenlock was asked to move on

1 as he had reneged on his arrangement to not  
2 have students in his flat. I heard that he  
3 left the hostel.

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5 I saw Wenlock occasionally after I left the  
6 hostel. When he worked at the WACA I would  
7 go and see him to say hello when I went to  
8 the cricket. We never spoke about how he  
9 came to leave St Christopher's.

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11 And then there is the declaration:

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13 This statement is true to the best of my  
14 knowledge and belief. I have made this  
15 statement knowing that, if it is tendered  
16 in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime if  
17 I have wilfully included in the statement  
18 anything that I know to be false or that I  
19 do not believe is true.

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21 It has been signed by Mr Gamble on 16 May 2012.

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23 Sir, the next statement is another ex-student whose  
24 name is David John Trindall spelt T-R-I-N-D-A-L-L.  
25 Mr Trindall, sir, has confirmed the accuracy of this  
26 statement via an email to the Inquiry and he has allowed,  
27 like the other witnesses, for the Inquiry to read its  
28 contents into evidence. So that reads - David John  
29 Trindall states:

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31 I am 52 years old and live in Wongon Hills  
32 with my wife, Ann-Maree and two of our four  
33 children.

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35 Anne-Marie and I are parents to four  
36 children aged 23, 20, 15 and 10. The  
37 eldest two live out of home.

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39 I work in the Agricultural Industry and  
40 sell farm machinery.

41  
42 Ann-Maree and I have lived in Wongon Hills  
43 for most of our life. We lived in  
44 Queensland for four years before returning  
45 to Western Australia and settling back into  
46 life in Wongon Hills.

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1 I grew up on a farm in Cadoux.  
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3 HIS HONOUR: Cadoux.  
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5 MR URQUHART: Cadoux.  
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7 HIS HONOUR: I worked on a wheat bin there.  
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9 MR URQUHART: I thought I had that one right, sir, but  
10 obviously I haven't.  
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12 HIS HONOUR: I worked on a wheat bin there.  
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14 MR URQUHART: I would guess that:  
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16 I grew up on a farm in Cadoux which is  
17 roughly half an hour's drive from Wongon  
18 Hills.  
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20 There is no high school at Cadoux so I  
21 boarded at St Christopher's Hostel in  
22 Northam and attended Northam High School  
23 when it came time to go to secondary  
24 school.  
25  
26 I boarded at St Christopher's Hostel for  
27 four years from 1972 until 1976.  
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29 I finished high school in year 4 which is  
30 the equivalent to year 11 in high schools  
31 nowadays.  
32  
33 The Warden of the hostel during my stay was  
34 Roy WENLOCK.  
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36 During 1974 another couple acted in the  
37 position of Warden (and Matron) of the  
38 hostel. Their names were Klavas and  
39 Prudence (Prue) "R".  
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41 That is not a country town. I don't think I would be  
42 corrected on the pronunciation of that:  
43  
44 I remember that sometime in 1974, WENLOCK  
45 had a heart attack and was on leave from  
46 the hostel for about one school term.  
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1 Prior to the "R"s being employed, the  
2 Matron of the hostel was Mrs Ruth Logan. I  
3 don't remember what happened to her.  
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5 I'm thinking now, sir, that I should have just referred to  
6 these people as "R":  
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8 After the "R" left the hostel, Walter and  
9 Margaret DENNISON were employed as deputy  
10 Warden and Matron.  
11

12 They were wonderful people. I don't think  
13 any boarder ever had an issue with either  
14 of them.  
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16 WENLOCK was a powerful man with an  
17 intimidating presence. I'd describe him as  
18 calculated and cunning.  
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20 He was someone that you could never say  
21 "No" to. Whatever he said you had to do or  
22 you knew there would be consequences.  
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24 If you fell into WENLOCK'S bad books so to  
25 speak he would set about making life hard  
26 for you.  
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28 He'd get his chosen Prefects to single you  
29 out and bully you or remove privileges like  
30 being able to go into town on weekends.  
31 Things that don't seem much to an adult but  
32 to a kid at boarding school, it was a big  
33 deal.  
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35 WENLOCK chose the Prefects and allocated a  
36 head boy and deputy head boy each year.  
37

38 Years four and five were distinguishable  
39 from years one, two and three as they wore  
40 white shirts with their uniform. We called  
41 them "white shirters".  
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43 Years one to three wore grey shirts. It  
44 was a visual way of telling the older boys  
45 from the younger ones.  
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47 The Prefects seemed to be favoured by

1 WENLOCK. They were allowed to drive his  
2 Holden Statesman and GTS Monaro around  
3 town.  
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5 The impression I had is that WENLOCK knew  
6 that the prefects bullied students and did  
7 nothing about it.  
8  
9 I remember Prefects belting first year  
10 hostel boarders with pieces of garden hose  
11 until they found a girl to take to the  
12 hostel dances.  
13  
14 The boys ended up with huge welts across  
15 their backsides. It was fairly brutal.  
16  
17 WENLOCK knew this went on as he watched all  
18 the boys shower every morning.  
19  
20 Further to that, he was always sneaking  
21 around the hostel watching what was going  
22 on.  
23  
24 WENLOCK'S excuse for watching the boys  
25 shower was to do a daily roll call.  
26  
27 There was no privacy in the showers. About  
28 fifteen boys at a time lined up alongside  
29 each other and showered in an open  
30 bathroom.  
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32 This has always stood out in my mind as  
33 weird as it was pretty obvious to all the  
34 boarders that WENLOCK did the roll call in  
35 the showers each day for the sole purpose  
36 of perverting on the boys while they were  
37 naked.  
38  
39 On the odd occasion that WENLOCK was unable  
40 to do the morning roll call, he gave the  
41 task to one of the House Masters.  
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43 When a House Master did the roll call they  
44 always faced away or stood outside the  
45 shower room and ticked us off while we were  
46 in our dressing gowns as we walked into the  
47 bathroom area.

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WENLOCK was very strict with discipline at the hostel. He was very liberal in his use of the cane. I never got caned myself but I saw him use the cane on other boarders.

WENLOCK was a tall, solidly built man and when he caned boarders he swung the cane from a great height above his head and slammed it down on boarder's hands.

I still cringe at the memory of it.

Some boarders got caned again and again for trivial reasons, for being a few minutes late to evening study sessions for example.

I saw fellow boarders Jeremy FOSTER, Luke THORNET and Rex HELLIWELL get caned by WENLOCK. I remember it vividly.

There were about five House Masters who boarded the hostel in exchange for assisting with supervision of the boarders.

The House Masters were all teachers at Northam High School.

I remember a few of them from my time at the hostel. There was Alan SMITH, Tim BLEE, Fred FILSON, Peter GABY, Mr Wass and Greg DURFELL.

It actually might be "Duffell", sir, because it says "Mr Duffle was known as 'Duffy' so it should be spelt D-U-F-F-E-L-L:

During my early months at the hostel I heard from other boarders that WENLOCK liked to wrestle the boys in his flat. It was known as "Bruting" among the boarders.

There were always jokes and sniggers about it and I developed a fear of WENLOCK bruting me as time wore on.

WENLOCK typically invited groups of boys

1 back to his flat for a "wrestle".  
2  
3 His offer was coming up to his flat for a  
4 wrestle and that after the wrestle he'd  
5 give out cool drinks and chocolates.  
6  
7 From what I heard around the hostel and  
8 school, WENLOCK would invite a group of  
9 boys up to his flat then after a bit of  
10 wrestling they'd leave one by one to go  
11 back to the dormitories until there was  
12 only one boarder left alone with him.  
13  
14 The boy that got left alone with WENLOCK  
15 would be the butt of jokes and sniggers the  
16 next day. Other boarders would say things  
17 like "Did you feel his little hard thing"  
18 when joking about how WENLOCK got erections  
19 when he was wrestling.  
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21 I was invited to WENLOCK'S flat and was  
22 wrestled by him only one occasion.  
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24 On Sunday nights the show "Winners" was on  
25 TV for an hour. It was on at 6 or 6.30 in  
26 the evenings. The show was about  
27 Australian Rules football.  
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29 Most of the boarders watched the show in  
30 the lounge hall but WENLOCK also used this  
31 time to invite individual students to his  
32 flat. In another instance I was invited to  
33 his flat to be interviewed on being a  
34 prefect for the following year.  
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36 WENLOCK could easily have done these  
37 "interviews" in the hostel office either  
38 before or after school and it was common  
39 knowledge that if he got you to his flat  
40 alone then you'd get "Bruted".  
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42 Because I was fearful of and intimidated by  
43 WENLOCK, I went to his flat as I was told  
44 to do so but I didn't at all want to  
45 wrestle with him.  
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47 As a deterrent to him, I wore what I call

1 my "Sunday Best" which was the clothes that  
2 I wore to church every Sunday - good pants  
3 and a collared shirt.  
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5 More or less as soon as I got to his flat,  
6 WENLOCK asked me if I would like a soft  
7 drink and a chocolate.  
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9 I said yes, but he said I would have to  
10 wrestle him first.  
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12 I told him I couldn't because I was wearing  
13 my good clothes.  
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15 WENLOCK went and got a pair of jock style  
16 bathers for me to put on and told me to  
17 strip off my clothes and put the bathers  
18 on.  
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20 He told me that after we'd wrestled, he'd  
21 give me cool drink and chocolates.  
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23 I've never forgotten the bathers. They  
24 were red and yellow with stripes.  
25  
26 Because I was too scared to defy WENLOCK, I  
27 did as he told me to do.  
28  
29 After I was changed into the bathers he lay  
30 on his back on the lounge floor and  
31 instructed me to straddle him. My groin  
32 was on top of his.  
33  
34 He instructed me to lean across his body  
35 and squeeze the muscles under his arms as  
36 hard as I could.  
37  
38 While I was doing this he was thrusting his  
39 groin into mine in a bucking motion and  
40 repeatedly said "You brute, you brute".  
41  
42 WENLOCK stripped down to a short, tight  
43 pair of black Stubby shorts when he  
44 wrestled me and there was no doubt he was  
45 sexually aroused during the "wrestling". I  
46 could feel his erection through the shorts  
47 and bathers near my backside.

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This "bruting" went on for a long time.  
I'd say a good 45 minutes.

I don't know what made WENLOCK stop. I  
can't remember now if WENLOCK stopped it or  
if I told him I wanted to go back to my  
dormitory (dorm).

I remember when I went to change back into  
my clothes that WENLOCK offered for me to  
shower in his flat.

I said "No" to this, got changed and left  
his flat.

I don't know what I thought he would do to  
me if I showered but I was very scared of  
what might happen if I was to shower as he  
suggested.

As soon as I had my clothes back on I left  
WENLOCK'S flat. I didn't have cool drink  
or chocolates, I just got out of there.

He didn't try to stop me and I don't  
remember him saying anything to me.

I went straight to the dorm showers when I  
left WENLOCK'S flat.

I was dry wretching for what he did to me  
and how sick it made me feel.

I felt like I had to cleanse myself from  
what had just happened.

I remember WENLOCK coming into the dorm  
showers whilst I was washing myself down.

He could see me clearly as there were no  
cubicles or privacy screens.

He scowled at me and I knew that I had not  
reacted to his "Bruting" in a way that  
pleased him.

1 I was good friends with a fellow boarder,  
2 Lindsay CADDY while I stayed at St  
3 Christopher's. I recall him telling me  
4 that he just about knocked down the door to  
5 WENLOCK'S flat getting out of there when he  
6 got bruted.

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8 I don't propose reading out the next paragraph, sir. It  
9 continues, paragraph 78:

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11 The fear of WENLOCK and his "bruting" was  
12 heightened when a boarder's birthday came  
13 around.

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15 We all tried to keep our birthdays a secret  
16 from WENLOCK and the prefects.

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18 Firstly, WENLOCK instilled a ritual among  
19 the boarders that Prefects would take  
20 boarders on their birthdays to the oval and  
21 "nugget" them.

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23 A group of boarders would basically herd  
24 the boarder to the oval, strip them naked  
25 and rub shoe nugget and tooth paste all  
26 over their body, including their genitals.

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28 A group of boarders did this to WENLOCK on  
29 his birthday one year and he went along  
30 with it.

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32 I don't remember what year that was and  
33 it's something I didn't ever get directly  
34 involved in.

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36 I went along to the oval and watched it  
37 happen to another boarder one year but I  
38 didn't actually join in.

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40 Further to this, WENLOCK used boy's  
41 birthdays as an excuse to invite them to  
42 his flat alone for a special birthday  
43 treat. We all knew that meant a bruting  
44 session with him.

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46 I clearly remember boarders keeping quiet  
47 about their birthdays and arranging to go

1 home for their birthdays to avoid WENLOCK'S  
2 attention.  
3  
4 I didn't tell any teachers, House Masters  
5 or my mother about what WENLOCK did to me.  
6  
7 My two brothers boarded at St Christopher's  
8 as well but we never even discussed it with  
9 each other.  
10  
11 My younger brother, Geoff TRINDALL and I  
12 did speak about it recently and he is aware  
13 that I contacted the inquiry to report my  
14 experiences at St Christopher's.  
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16 The general feeling I had is that WENLOCK  
17 was so powerful and respected by parents  
18 and the Northam community that no-one would  
19 believe what WENLOCK was doing.  
20  
21 I was at a party recently and spoke to a  
22 former St Christopher's Hostel boarder --  
23  
24 And then he gives the boarder's name, sir, but I will just  
25 refer to that boarder as "D":  
26  
27 The topic of WENLOCK came up and "D" said  
28 that what WENLOCK did at St Christopher's  
29 was a disgrace.  
30  
31 He didn't elaborate and I didn't share my  
32 experiences. We both knew he was referring  
33 to WENLOCK 'S treatment of boarders whilst  
34 he was Warden at the hostel.  
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36 I don't remember exactly when but some time  
37 after I left the hostel I heard a rumour  
38 from mates that still boarded at the hostel  
39 that WENLOCK attacked a boy in his flat and  
40 was sacked as Warden.  
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42 I couldn't say specifically any one person  
43 who said this. I heard it from a few  
44 boarders.  
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46 I heard that the boy WENLOCK attacked was  
47 Michael KALAZJIC.

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I know of Michael KALAZJIC as he is local to Cadoux although I had never discussed WENLOCK with him.

I don't know the circumstances surrounding WENLOCK'S actual removal from the hostel as WARDEN but recall the Mayor of Northam, Fred KILLICK being involved somehow.

My experience at St Christopher's Hostel, aside from WENLOCK'S actions, was very positive.

I had a good group of mates and was very involved in sports, playing hockey, football and cricket.

WENLOCK had a keen interest in cricket and coached the hostel cricket team.

I heard that WENLOCK was employed by the WACA after his dismissal from St Christopher's Hostel and was surprised given his abuse of boarders while he was Warden.

I read about the inquiry into sexual abuse of male boarders at the St Andrews Hostel in Katanning in a newspaper article written by Gary ADSHEAD and published in the Western Australian newspaper.

I immediately recognised that WENLOCK'S actions were similar to Dennis MCKENNA'S and I contemplated ringing Gary Adshead to inform of what happened at Northam.

I was contacted by investigators from the inquiry and provided a statement in May 2012.

And there is the declaration, sir:

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have made this statement knowing that, if it is tendered

1 in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime if  
2 I wilfully include in the statement  
3 anything I know to be false or that I do  
4 not believe is true.

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6 Sir, I could read out one further statement. It is,  
7 however, about the same length as that previous one. We  
8 could either do that now or tomorrow morning.

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10 HIS HONOUR: Whichever you prefer. Whatever you think is  
11 most convenient.

12  
13 MR URQUHART: I'm just looking at here. There doesn't  
14 seem to be too many towns that I have difficulty  
15 pronouncing so I suppose I could do it now, sir. I will  
16 read it out now, sir. It probably will take about 15  
17 minutes.

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19 HIS HONOUR: Mr Dobson is offering to give you a rest.

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21 MR URQUHART: Yes. No, he is not. It just seems like  
22 that.

23  
24 Sir, this again is an ex-student who has been the  
25 subject of alleged sexual misconduct at the hands of Roy  
26 Wenlock. He has asked his name not be disclosed and,  
27 therefore, it won't be. It will simply be referred to as  
28 "P".

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30 This statement, sir, also names two students who are  
31 said to be responsible for engaging in beatings of other  
32 students at the behest of Roy Wenlock. They will not be  
33 identified as they too could be regarded as victims of this  
34 particular warden or be used in a different way to the  
35 evidence that we have heard thus far. I should also say,  
36 sir, that once more this statement has been endorsed by "P"  
37 as being true and correct, and that was done by email to  
38 the Inquiry. "P" states:

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40 I am 50 years of age and live in Mandurah.

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42 I am an Intensive Care Paramedic and work  
43 fly in - fly out to wine sights for  
44 Fortescue Metals.

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46 Growing up, I lived with my parents on a  
47 farm in Tammin.

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There was no high school in Tammin. The nearest bus stop was 15 or 20 kms away so the only option I had was to board at a hostel and go to high school in either Northam or Meriden.

My Mother considered sending me to board at St Michaels in Meriden but most of my primary school friends were sent to St Christopher's Hostel and enrolled at Northam High School.

I wanted to stay with my friends so a decision was made to send me to Northam to complete high school.

I won a scholarship that covered my school fees at Northam High School. The fees to board me at St Christopher's Hostel still needed to be paid and I remember my Mother went to work to pay these costs.

I started high school and as a boarder at St Christopher's Hostel in 1975.

I don't remember who the Principle of Northam High School was but the Warden of the high school was Roy WENLOCK.

The Deputy Warden was a man by the name of Walter DENNISON. His wife, Margaret was the Matron.

The sick bay was attached to the flat the DENNISONS occupied.

WENLOCK and the DENNISONS lived in flats that were attached to the hostel.

The DENNISONS were wonderful people. I remember Walter DENNISON became the Warden of the Hostel when WENLOCK left towards the end of 1977.

Teachers from Northam High School were utilised by the hostel as supervisors.

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These teachers were known as House Masters and had board and accommodation at the hostel in exchange for supervising boarders in the evening.

Some of the teacher/housemasters I remember are Tim BLEE, a German man with the name Volka MALTAR and a fellow with the surname BUHAGIAR.

I recall the house masters were pretty decent. They mainly supervised during study period of an evening and on weekends when we had free time out of school.

I was always scared of WENLOCK. I was scared of him even before I was enrolled to board at St Christopher's.

Every Christmas in Tammin, there was a Christmas tree put up in town and there would be a gathering of the community there to celebrate the festive season.

I remember being twelve years old and hanging around with the thirteen and fourteen year olds that were back in Tammin on school holidays.

Almost all of them boarded at St Christopher's during the school year.

The boys knew I was going Northam High School and would board at St Christopher's the following year and spoke of life at "The Hut" as the hostel was known.

They spoke of the pecking order among the junior and senior boys and gave warning not to mess with WENLOCK or ever let myself be alone in a room with him.

I was told WENLOCK was known as "Snozz" or "SNORKY" because he had a big nose.

1 They teased me by saying things like  
2 "You'll be fresh meat, he likes young  
3 blonde haired blue eyed boys".  
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5 They also talked about "SNOZZ" "Bruting"  
6 boarders. I didn't know what this meant  
7 until months later when it happened to me.  
8  
9 I was a naive twelve year old kid and  
10 didn't really understand what they meant.  
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12 I don't remember the names of these boys  
13 now - it was so long ago. They were  
14 typical lads wording up the new kid soon to  
15 go to the hostel.  
16  
17 Nothing abusive or untoward had ever  
18 happened to me in my life until that point  
19 so I just listened to what they said and  
20 kept it in the back of my mind for when I  
21 moved to board at the hostel.  
22  
23 WENLOCK was strict with rules and  
24 discipline at the hostel.  
25  
26 He wielded the cane like he was fencing.  
27  
28 WENLOCK was left handed and would bring the  
29 cane right up over his head and swing it  
30 down on boys open hands.  
31  
32 One time I got six lashings of the cane so  
33 severe that I couldn't hold cutlery to eat  
34 my dinner that night. Another time I got  
35 caned in the morning before school and I  
36 wasn't able to hold a pen in my hand.  
37  
38 I did something very trivial like ride my  
39 skate board for five minutes longer than I  
40 should have.  
41  
42 WENLOCK didn't need a good excuse to use  
43 the cane. I think I was caned about five  
44 times by Wenlock in the 18 months I was at  
45 the hostel.  
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47 The canings WENLOCK gave me were all in my

1 first year at the hostel. I learnt before  
2 too long to avoid getting into any trouble  
3 with WENLOCK.  
4  
5 WENLOCK had a daily ritual of watching all  
6 the boys shower every morning. The showers  
7 were open so there was no hiding from his  
8 gaze.  
9  
10 No other supervisor at the hostel ever did  
11 this, only WENLOCK.  
12  
13 He stood at one end of the shower line and  
14 ticked our names off a roll and appointed  
15 himself "time keeper" of the length of the  
16 showers.  
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18 After two or three minutes he'd call out  
19 "Next" and the 10 or so boys showering  
20 would move off and the next lot would step  
21 up for their turn.  
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23 WENLOCK could have done the morning roll  
24 call at breakfast when we were all dressed  
25 and ready for school. It was pretty clear  
26 to all the boarders he liked to see us all  
27 naked every morning. It was basically a  
28 perve session for him.  
29  
30 Walter DENNISON put a stop to WENLOCK doing  
31 this when he started working at the hostel.  
32 Any supervisor that did the roll call from  
33 then on did so by ticking our names off the  
34 roll as we walked into the bathroom. They  
35 always stood outside the door.  
36  
37 WENLOCK had a number of handpicked Prefects  
38 that he allocated supervisory roles to.  
39 The Prefects did whatever WENLOCK told them  
40 to. They danced to WENLOCK'S tune well and  
41 truly.  
42  
43 The head boy at the hostel when I was there --  
44  
45 And he gives the name, sir, but I simply refer to him as  
46 "J":  
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1 -- he was a huge lad, much bigger in build  
2 and taller than any of the other boarders.  
3 He used to cane boarders whenever he felt  
4 anyone had breached a hostel rule.  
5  
6 He'd also get boys to bend over the end of  
7 their beds with their backsides in the air  
8 and kick them as hard as he as he could.  
9 Boys would go flying.  
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11 The excuses Prefects used for caning or  
12 physically punishing boarders was for  
13 trivial things like talking after lights  
14 out.  
15  
16 Another, more disturbing thing they did was  
17 threatening to force borders to do  
18 homosexual acts on each other if any hostel  
19 rules were breached.  
20  
21 The threats ranged from force boys to kiss  
22 each other, masturbate each other or give  
23 each other head jobs - oral sex.  
24  
25 The intimidation and fear I felt of being  
26 forced to commit homosexual acts on other  
27 boarders was horrific.  
28  
29 There was one Prefect --  
30  
31 Sir, I will just simply identify this one as "D":  
32  
33 -- who typically made these threats.  
34  
35 "D" was the Prefect of the Year 8 dorm that  
36 I stayed in during my first year at the  
37 hostel.  
38  
39 "D" had a hockey stick with the head cut  
40 off that he used to beat boarders with.  
41  
42 One day during my first few months at the  
43 hostel, "D" made me stand at the end of my  
44 bed while he repeatedly punched me to my  
45 stomach and ribs.  
46  
47 I fell back onto my bed a couple of times

1 and "D" made me stand back up so he could  
2 continue punching me.  
3  
4 I was in agony that night and into the next  
5 day to the point that someone from the  
6 hostel contacted my parents. I don't know  
7 who did this but contacting parents was  
8 usually WENLOCKS job.  
9  
10 My parents picked me up from the hostel the  
11 next afternoon and took me to a doctor.  
12 They were horrified at the state of me.  
13  
14 I was treated for broken ribs and severe  
15 bruising.  
16  
17 I remember my parents being outraged by  
18 what happened to me and my Dad confronted  
19 WENLOCK about it. He warned WENLOCK that  
20 it better not happen again.  
21  
22 There is no doubt that WENLOCK knew about  
23 the beatings Prefects dished out on  
24 boarders. I don't recall any Prefects  
25 being reprimanded for what their actions.  
26  
27 I wanted to stay at the hostel because my  
28 friends were there so my parents  
29 reluctantly agreed with my wishes.  
30  
31 WENLOCK encouraged boarders to join the  
32 hostel sports teams. There was a fair bit  
33 of rivalry among boarder's to get selected  
34 for a team.  
35  
36 I only played hockey in high school as I  
37 became interested in drama and music.  
38  
39 During my first term of year 8 at Northam  
40 High School I started having piano lessons.  
41  
42 The hostel had a sports pavilion that had a  
43 room attached that had musical instruments  
44 in it. I used to go there whenever I could  
45 and play around with the instruments,  
46 particularly the base guitar.  
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1 I don't know when this happened other than  
2 to say it was one Saturday morning in 1975.  
3  
4 I was tinkering around with the instruments  
5 and had closed the door to keep the noise  
6 travel to a minimum. No one else was in  
7 the room with me.  
8  
9 WENLOCK came into the room without warning  
10 and started speaking with me about the  
11 hostel, school and bullying.  
12  
13 I saw him lock the door from the inside.  
14 The only way into the hostel from the  
15 outside was with a key that you had to get  
16 from the office. By locking the door  
17 behind him, WENLOCK ensured no one could  
18 come into the room without him or I opening  
19 it.  
20  
21 I spoke with WENLOCK for a short time  
22 before he told me he could show me some  
23 ways to defend myself if I had any trouble  
24 with bullies.  
25  
26 I was wary of WENLOCK given what I'd heard  
27 about him but was too afraid not to go  
28 along with his instruction so I agreed to  
29 let him show what I thought would be  
30 self-defence moves.  
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32 WENLOCK initially showed me shoulder  
33 restraint type moves then after a short  
34 time, took off his shirt and wrestled me to  
35 the ground. He lay flat on his back and  
36 told me to sit on top of him with my  
37 backside seated over his groin. There was  
38 no doubt that his penis was knocking on my  
39 back door so to speak.  
40  
41 I could feel that he had an erection.  
42  
43 He told me to pinch him under his armpits  
44 while I was sitting on him and repeatedly  
45 said to me "A boy like you could hold me  
46 down, you have to fight harder."  
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1 After a while of me straddling WENLOCK and  
2 pinching his armpits, he flipped me over so  
3 that I was lying with my back on the ground  
4 and he was on top of me.  
5  
6 From this position, he pinched me under the  
7 armpits and basically rubbed his erect  
8 penis against my groin.  
9  
10 WENLOCK placed his face very close to mine  
11 and looked right at me as he did this. It  
12 was very freaky.  
13  
14 The situation WENLOCK put me in was just  
15 awful. I was a thirteen year old kid and I  
16 felt like he was looking for some sort of  
17 positive reaction from me to what he was  
18 doing.  
19  
20 Its sick that the Warden of a hostel of  
21 school aged boys would sit a thirteen year  
22 old on his erect penis.  
23  
24 This so called wrestling with WENLOCK went  
25 on for about fifteen or twenty minutes. I  
26 think he realised I was afraid of him so he  
27 stopped, got up off the floor and said  
28 "Keep practicing those moves."  
29  
30 WENLOCK was standing in front of me and I  
31 was still seated on the ground. I vividly  
32 recall seeing him standing there with a  
33 full blown erection. He was wearing long  
34 slacks and a white singlet.  
35  
36 I felt awful. It was like my whole world  
37 had changed. I learnt that day what other  
38 boarders meant when they spoke about  
39 WENLOCKS bruting.  
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41 WENLOCK put his shirt on, unlocked the door  
42 and left the room.  
43  
44 I was very scared and didn't know if I  
45 should tell my Mum or someone else, like a  
46 school teacher.  
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1 I didn't tell anyone after this first  
2 bruting session what WENLOCK did to me.  
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4 WENLOCK got me in the music room a second  
5 time - again it was some time during 1975  
6 when I was 13 years old.  
7  
8 I was playing around with some musical  
9 instruments and he walked into the room,  
10 locked the door and approached me.  
11  
12 He didn't say anything at first, he just  
13 walked up to me and more or less threw me  
14 to the ground and then said "You haven't  
15 toughened up. We better have another  
16 wrestling lesson."  
17  
18 WENLOCK stripped down to his underwear this  
19 time. He was naked save for a pair of  
20 white Y front jocks. I can't remember what  
21 I was wearing other than to say I kept my  
22 clothes on.  
23  
24 The situation unfolded the same way as the  
25 first. WENLOCK got me to straddle him  
26 while he lay on the ground and pinch his  
27 armpits.  
28  
29 This so called wrestling went on for close  
30 to an hour.  
31  
32 Towards the end of it, WENLOCK got me into  
33 a position where I was on my hands and  
34 knees facing away from him and he rubbed  
35 his erect penis against my backside.  
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37 While WENLOCK did this to me, he kept  
38 telling he to fight him. I didn't react  
39 though, he was much bigger and stronger  
40 than me anyway. I felt I just had to  
41 endure it.  
42  
43 This second time, WENLOCK got disturbed by  
44 people knocking on the door wanting to come  
45 into the room.  
46  
47 When the knocks on the door started,

1 WENLOCK got up off of me and got dressed.  
2 He then opened the door and left.  
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4 The boys that came into the room  
5 immediately started teasing me about being  
6 bruted by WENLOCK.  
7  
8 I gave up playing music after that day so  
9 WENLOCK couldn't get to me again. It was  
10 one sure fire way for me to avoid him.  
11  
12 I spoke to my Mum about WENLOCKS behaviour  
13 and treatment of me after the second  
14 incident of bruting.  
15  
16 I can't remember when in 1975 I did this  
17 but it was while I was at home on school  
18 holidays.  
19  
20 Mum grilled me for details on how WENLOCK  
21 touched me. I told her in detail exactly  
22 what WENLOCK did to me.  
23  
24 Mum was so outraged that she went to the  
25 Northam Police. I don't know who she spoke  
26 with but when I returned to the hostel for  
27 the next school term, I was taken out of  
28 class and spoken with by a Detective from  
29 Northam.  
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31 I have no recollection of this man's name  
32 but do remember him taking me to the front  
33 of the school and talking to me in the  
34 police car.  
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36 I was questioned intensively by the  
37 Detective. I told him what WENLOCK did to  
38 me and he told me he'd heard about WENLOCKS  
39 behaviour but that "It wasn't enough" and  
40 to call him if WENLOCK did anything more.  
41  
42 I didn't hear of any further Police  
43 inquiries into WENLOCKS behaviour but about  
44 three or four months later the same  
45 Detective came to the school to deal with a  
46 spate of thieving.  
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1 A lot of students were spoken with and when  
2 it came to be my turn, the Detective asked  
3 me if WENLOCK had done anything more to me  
4 or other boarders that I knew of.  
5  
6 I told the Detective nothing more had  
7 happened. He gave me his business card and  
8 again said to call him if I had any further  
9 issues.  
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11 The third and last time I ever had to  
12 wrestle with WENLOCK was with a group of  
13 other boarders.  
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15 One of the Prefect told about six or seven  
16 of us we had to go to WENLOCKS flat one  
17 evening. I don't know when this occurred  
18 other than to say it was my second year at  
19 the hostel in 1976.  
20  
21 WENLOCK initially had long slacks and a  
22 singlet on but quickly stripped off to his  
23 jocks.  
24  
25 One by one we'd each wrestle with WENLOCK  
26 for a few minutes then tag out. This went  
27 on over and over for a couple of hours.  
28  
29 It was clear that WENLOCK had an erection  
30 during this wrestling session. It was  
31 obvious to me he was getting sexual jollies  
32 from tussling with the boys.  
33  
34 WENLOCK put chips and cool drinks on after  
35 the wrestling. It was typical of him to do  
36 something like that.  
37  
38 I didn't like this group wrestle but went  
39 along with it to stay in WENLOCKS good  
40 books and felt safer as there were a number  
41 of us. I was never alone with WENLOCK on  
42 this occasion.  
43  
44 I went on holidays shortly after the group  
45 wrestling match. I was covered in bruises  
46 from the rough play.  
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1 This was the last straw for my parents and  
2 I was packed up and removed from the  
3 hostel. This was roughly midway through  
4 1976.  
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6 I maintained contact with friends who  
7 stayed on at the hostel. Greg and Dean  
8 BULLOCH were mates at the hostel and we  
9 remain good friends to this day.  
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11 I heard from the BULLOCH brothers that  
12 WENLOCK had done something pretty sinister  
13 to one of the boarders, Michael KALAZJIC in  
14 his flat and that KALAZJIC had complained  
15 to his parents.  
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17 This was in late 1977 or early 1978. I was  
18 living and working in Northam at the time  
19 as a Salesman for Toyota.  
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21 I heard that because of what WENLOCK --  
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23 I'll start again:  
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25 I heard that because of what WENLOCK did to  
26 KALAZJIC, a hostel board meeting was held  
27 and WENLOCK was dismissed as the Warden.  
28  
29 I don't know who was on the board of the  
30 hostel. I think the board was mostly made  
31 up of parents of current and former  
32 boarders.  
33  
34 The rumours circling through Northam was  
35 that WENLOCK left the hostel under a cloud  
36 due to inappropriate behaviour with the  
37 KALAZJIC boy.  
38  
39 I have harboured issues and ill feeling  
40 from my experiences at St Christopher's  
41 Hostel for many years and followed the St  
42 Andrew's Hostel inquiry in the media.  
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44 I waited to see if the inquiry would extend  
45 to St Christopher's Hostel in Northam and  
46 when it did, made contact with the inquiry  
47 via Gary ADSHEAD as a contact point.

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I gave a statement to Investigators attached to the inquiry in May 2012.

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have made this statement knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime if I have wilfully included in the statement anything that I know to be false or that I do not believe is true.

Now, sir, just before we adjourn for the day I just would like to state something about the investigations that the Inquiry undertook following receipt of that statement from the witness "P", and in particular whether any police records could be obtained to verify his account of speaking to a detective at the Northam Police in 1975.

Now, sir, the Inquiry has been able to confirm with the Western Australian Police Service that the old CIB did have at least one detective stationed at Northam in the mid 1970s. That, of course, accords with "P"s recollection that he spoke with not just a police officer, but a detective.

Now, sir, the Inquiry has also attempted to locate the occurrence books from the Northam Police Station for the years not just 1975, but also 1976, as they were the two years that the witness "P" was at the hostel. Now, the occurrence book, sir, would ordinarily detail complaints such as this one by "P", including what action or non-action was taken, and on occasions would also give an explanation for that.

So such an entry into an occurrence book that existed at the police station back then would provide powerful corroboration of P's account. Unfortunately, sir, the occurrence books from the Northam Police Station going back to the 1970s have almost all been destroyed. Those few that remain unfortunately do not cover the years 1975 or 1976.

And that might be an appropriate time, sir, to adjourn for the day.

HIS HONOUR: Until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

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MR URQUHART: Thank you, sir.

HIS HONOUR: Yes. We adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

**AT 4.06PM THE HEARING ADJOURNED  
TO THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2012**