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	2		ANNASOPHIA CALMAN - AFFIRMED
	3		EXAMINED BY MS HILL
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	6	MR M	OUNT: Thank you, Mr Chair. Amanda Hill will lead
	7		the next witness, Annasophia, who has a support
	8		person with her.
	9	CHAI	R: Thank you, Mr Mount.
11.23	10	MS H	ILL: Thank you, Sir.
	11	Q.	I would normally call you Ms Calman but is it okay if I
	12		call you Anna?
	13	A.	Yes.
	14	Q.	Anna, you have a written statement with you there with
	15		your name on it -
	16	CHAI	R: Can I intervene, just as we start, to ask you,
	17		and I am required to do this by the Inquiries Act -
	18		(witness affirmed).
	19	MS H	ILL:
11.24	20	Q.	Anna, you've seen your statement and it's got your name
	21		at the end of it and it's been signed. Is everything in
	22		that statement true?
	23	Α.	True.
	24	Q.	And we're going to use a couple of pages from your
	25		records today which have just been sent to the
	26		Commissioners a little while ago, and you've got a copy
	27		of those there, don't you?
	28	Α.	I do.
	29	Q.	And they are from your Child Welfare records, aren't
11.25	30		they?
	31	Α.	I agree.
	32	Q.	Okay. Your name is Annasophia Calman but you had a
	33		different name when you were born, didn't you?
	34	A.	Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you want to tell me about your family, Anna? Take your time.
- 3 A. My real name at birth is Margaret Ross. We had a very,
- 4 very poor upbringing. Sorry to be like this.
- 5 Q. That's okay, Anna, you take your time.
- 6 A. My mother couldn't carry her children around due to her
- being beaten up, and that's how we were brought up as
- 8 well, beaten up by the same man that beat my mother up,
- 9 so she couldn't run away with us. We had to stay with
- 11.26 10 him. But the CYPS knew about this, the State ward knew
 - about it. I just can't understand why they couldn't take
 - us away from the man that did this to us, tormented us.
 - 13 Q. In your written statement, Anna, you talked about that
 - man being your father; is that right?
 - 15 A. That's correct.
 - 16 Q. And you talked a bit about what home was like and things
 - like food. Do you want to tell us a bit about that?
 - 18 A. Yes. At the time, our mother took off we were children,
 - that's how we lived, nothing in our cupboards, beaten by
- our father while he was drunk, and the only people we
 - 21 had to be eating out of rubbish bins to survive.
 - 22 Q. At paragraph 8 of your statement, you talked about some
 - sexual abuse at home too, didn't you? If you can talk
 - about what you remember, if that's easier for you, Anna.
 - 25 A. In our home, there was a lot of abuse. I was one of the
 - rape victims by my brother and my mother's stepbrother.
 - 27 We had this taken away from us, we didn't know who to
 - trust. Do we trust the people that victimise us or do we
 - trust the person like myself? To me, I never found out
- 11.28 30 to be who I was. I never found out what it was like to
 - 31 be a woman because of me being raped.
 - 32 Q. Anna, how old were you when your Mum left?
 - 33 A. My Mum was 10 when she left us.
 - 34 Q. So, you were 10 when your Mum left?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. I can see from your statement that you've written or
- 3 you've said there that the Child Welfare wrote a
- 4 notification about you in May 1961, so you would have
- 5 only been about 4 then because you were born in 1957, eh?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Yeah, so 3 and a half when Child Welfare came to your
- 8 house?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 11.28 10 Q. But you've said in your statement that nothing happened,
 - 11 that you were left at home?
 - 12 A. State Ward did nothing for us, just left us there to
 - defend for ourselves.
 - 14 Q. Anna, we've got a couple of pages from your Child Welfare
 - file here and you've seen these, and I'll just help you a
 - 16 bit here.
 - So, the first page of those records is about your
 - family, and that's from June 1967, so just as you were
 - 9 years old, and I can see that your school headmaster
- 11.29 20 told Child Welfare that people were kinder to dumb
 - animals than your parents were to you; what do you think
 - about that?
 - 23 A. It was true. They tried to get protection for us but
 - they weren't there for us, still left us in a rubble, so
 - we didn't know who we really were, where to get our next
 - feed from and who to protect us.
 - 27 Q. And so, there's another document from your records and
 - it's a year later, isn't it, the second page? So, it's
 - 29 from August 1968. This is the it's written by a nurse
- in Hawera, do you remember living in Hawera?
 - 31 A. Yes.
 - 32 Q. You were going to Meremere School, do you remember?
 - 33 A. Yes.
 - 34 Q. The note from your records say you and your brothers and

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- sisters always seemed to be starving and that the school
- 2 would give you some meals; do you remember that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What was school like around then?
- 5 A. I really don't know because I don't know how to read and
- 6 write. I never knew how to read and write until I
- 7 actually went to polytechnic. You ask me to spell
- 8 something and I'll tell you to go and get someone because
- 9 I don't know how to do it. I've been taught how to break
- 11.31 10 things up to learn how to say the words properly.
 - 11 Q. You taught yourself as an adult, didn't you?
 - 12 A. Yes, I did.
 - 13 Q. I can see, and you can see from your own records, that
 - another month after, the school talks about how you guys
 - aren't getting enough to eat. The nurse again calls
 - 16 Child Welfare and says you don't have enough food or
 - 17 clothing and that they're concerned about mental cruelty.
 - Do you want to talk to me a bit about how your Dad talked
 - to you or treated you?
- 11.31 20 A. My Dad was a violent man. What I couldn't understand is
 - 21 why didn't we get put into protection? My Dad used to
 - throw me up against the fire hearth, I'll never forget
 - 23 it. I can still picture him doing it to me. CYPS was
 - told about it and they still didn't take us away from
 - 25 him. We had to put up with the violence of what he did
 - to me and my siblings.
 - 27 Q. We know from your records that the Child Welfare did make
 - a complaint because that's in your statement at
 - 29 paragraph 10 but they left you at home.
- 11.32 30 A. Can you repeat that again, please?
 - 31 Q. That's all right. So, at paragraph 10 of your written
 - 32 statement, you talked about this before, that you and
 - your family came to the notice of Child Welfare and there
 - was a complaint that you were living in what's called a

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- 1 detrimental environment?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. But I stayed there, eh?
- 4 A. Because we had nowhere else to go.
- 5 Q. Anna, the next page from your records is from 1969, so a
- 6 couple of years later since that first complaint. This
- is a note from Hawera School about how you and your
- 8 brothers and sisters just had a bit of bread for lunch;
- 9 do you remember that? This is the document with the
- 11.33 10 number 3 in the corner.
 - 11 A. Yes, we went to school, we had no food in our house. We
 - were pinching off children in the schools and the
 - 13 headmaster knew about it.
 - 14 Q. And on that same page, it talks about your Dad drinking
 - all of his wages, drinking all the money; do you agree
 - 16 with that?
 - 17 A. Yes, I do.
 - 18 Q. And so, in your written statement at paragraph 13, you
 - 19 talk about another Social Welfare complaint and being
- 11.34 20 made a State Ward and being taken away from home. Can
 - you tell me about being taken away? Do you remember?
 - 22 A. We became State Ward when our Mum, they wouldn't let us
 - go back to our Mum, so we went to Court and that's when
 - the State ward became involved and took us away from our
 - Dad. We were like confused, me and my siblings. We all
 - went separate ways, didn't know where we were going. We
 - were all taken away from each other, they split us up
 - completely.
 - 29 Q. Where did you go?
- 11.35 30 A. I went to a Catholic convent down south called Nazareth
 - 31 House.
 - 32 Q. You went down to Christchurch?
 - 33 A. Yes.
 - 34 Q. And you've talked a bit in your statement about Nazareth

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- 1 House. Do you want to tell me a bit about that?
- 2 A. We were, myself and my three other siblings, were sent to
- 3 Nazareth House. My brother was sent to St Halswell, we
- 4 came together during school time. At the time, what the
- 5 nuns did to us is exactly what my father did to us,
- 6 cruelty.
- 7 Q. You talked about what would happen in school in Nazareth
- 8 House. At paragraph 15 of your statement you talked
- 9 about what the nuns would do in class. Can you tell me
- 11.36 10 about that?
 - 11 A. The nuns would whack our knuckles if we didn't do as we
 - were told or they'd lift your skirt up and whack your
 - thigh. Now, that brought back memories of what our Dad
 - 14 did to us.
 - 15 Q. What do you remember about going to school at Nazareth
 - 16 House?
 - 17 A. We had a school built into the building of Nazareth House
 - and there we didn't know how to, between me and myself
 - and my three siblings, we didn't know how to read or
- 11.37 20 write, and some of us still can't do it today.
 - 21 Q. In paragraph 16 of your statement, you talked about
 - 22 running away from Nazareth House and talking to the
 - Police. Can you tell me about that?
 - 24 A. The day that I climbed out of the fire escape window, was
 - 25 the day that I got touched by a nun. That freaked me
 - out. It was bad enough a man did it to me, now a nun
 - does it to me.
 - 28 Q. And I think that was the second time you ran away, was
 - 29 it?
- 11.38 30 A. At that time, I ran away, I told the cops I did not want
 - 31 to go back there because I had felt like I'd been
 - 32 touched.
 - 33 Q. What happened after that?
 - 34 A. And then they took us away and then I was sent to

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- 1 Waitara.
- 2 Q. In your written statement, you talked about telling one
- of the other nuns about being touched; do you remember
- 4 that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What happened?
- 7 A. I got slapped because they said I was lying.
- 8 Q. There's a document from your records that you will see in
- 9 front of you and it's a report on you and your brothers
- and sisters or four of you, which says that you've been
 - 11 at Nazareth House for a couple of years; can you see that
 - one there? It has a 4 up in the corner. It says that
 - you were placid and well behaved but you had not made
 - very good progress at school, although I know there's big
 - 15 blacked out bits in it, isn't there, so it's hard to
 - read. And it says that you and your sisters are showing
 - signs of becoming institutionalised. What do you think
 - 18 about that?
 - 19 A. It's one of the worse places to be, especially in a
- 11.39 20 nunnery, to be institutionalised, both me and my three
 - 21 siblings.
 - 22 Q. Because there were seven of you altogether, weren't
 - there, your brothers and sisters? There were four of you
 - 24 at Nazareth House?
 - 25 A. Yes.
 - 26 Q. I know from your statement, you talk about going to
 - another foster placement in January 1972 and that's at
 - 28 paragraph 23 of your written statement. Because we're
 - 29 not using the names, we're talking about them as the
- 11.40 30 Waitara foster home, aren't we, Mr and Mrs L?
 - 31 A. I was transferred from the nunnery and flown up from the
 - 32 South Island to the North Island to live with the Waitara
 - whanau.
 - 34 Q. In your statement, you talked about some things that

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- 1 happened there. Can you tell me what the foster father
- 2 was like?
- 3 A. He was very abusive, pulled my hair, used the jug cord on
- 4 me and when I told the State care, they didn't believe
- 5 me. Who am I supposed to believe if I'm going to tell my
- 6 story to them?
- 7 Q. In your written statement, you talked about some sexual
- 8 abuse in that home.
- 9 A. While living with the Waitara whanau, I was abused by
- 11.41 10 somebody in that house. I was totally raped three times
 - in that house.
 - 12 Q. Did you tell anyone about it?
 - 13 A. Yes, I told the State care.
 - 14 Q. And what happened?
 - 15 A. And they said to me you better be telling the truth if we
 - have to ask these people questions. I said I'm telling
 - 17 the truth. I started to get angry with the lady. Then
 - they asked the Waitara people, this girl is saying that
 - so and so here has raped this girl. And I just said -
- 11.42 20 then they tried to say that I was lying. I said I'm not
 - 21 lying. Why would I be saying these things? And why was
 - this thing happening on my bed?
 - 23 Q. And you talked about being hit with the jug cord by the
 - foster father, how often would those sorts of things
 - happen?
 - 26 A. Once.
 - 27 Q. The next page from your records that's in front of you,
 - it has a little 5 up in the corner, that's from
 - 29 10 November 1972. Have you got that there? This is a
- 11.43 30 long note written by your social worker. In it she says
 - 31 that you told her about being hit with the jug cord and
 - having your hair pulled, doesn't it?
 - 33 A. Yes.
 - 34 Q. And it says, and the social worker wrote, "I warned

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- 1 Margaret that she must tell me the truth as I was taking
- 2 her back to Mrs L and she would have to repeat these
- 3 things in front of her". And you were willing to do
- 4 that, weren't you?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And so, the note from the social worker wrote, it talks
- about taking you back there and you saying the same
- 8 things again?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 11.44 10 Q. And then you showed your social worker a big bruise on
 - 11 your thigh?
 - 12 A. Yes.
 - 13 Q. And the note says, the social worker wrote that the
 - foster mother agreed that her husband had hit you with
 - the jug cord?
 - 16 A. Yes.
 - 17 Q. And that she told her that they weren't allowed to hit
 - 18 State wards and took you away, is that right?
 - 19 A. That's correct.
- 11.44 20 Q. Did anybody ever talk to you about that again?
 - 21 A. The school at Waitara.
 - 22 Q. Yeah. But do you know if anything else happened after
 - that with the Waitara whanau?
 - 24 A. I got taken away from them.
 - 25 Q. Okay. After you left there, where did you go?
 - 26 A. Opunake.
 - 27 Q. That's at paragraph 29 of your written statement, you
 - went there in August 1973. We have called them Mr and
 - 29 Mrs E but I think today we'll call them the Opunake
- 11.45 30 family?
 - 31 A. Correct.
 - 32 Q. And your records say that you stayed there for about a
 - year and a half, does that sound right?
 - 34 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Do you want to talk to me about the foster Dad there?
- 2 A. He raped me too. He took me to his room and raped me. I
- 3 was meant to be looked after by them but, no, I got
- 4 raped.
- 5 Q. Did anyone know about it?
- 6 A. The State care knew about it.
- 7 Q. So, you've said in your statement that the foster mother
- 8 found out about it and she didn't want you living there
- 9 anymore; is that right?
- 11.46 10 A. That's correct.
 - 11 Q. While you were living there, you got pregnant, didn't
 - 12 you?
 - 13 A. I didn't get pregnant by the Opunake man.
 - 14 Q. To someone else, isn't it?
 - 15 A. That's correct.
 - 16 Q. And at paragraph 33 of your statement, you talked about
 - adopting the baby out. Do you remember what happened?
 - 18 A. I don't remember adopting him out. I remember I found
 - out I was pregnant and then I overheard the State ward
- 11.47 20 telling the Opunake family that I'm going to have the
 - 21 baby taken from me. I started to flip out, so I was
 - taken into Hawera Hospital to have my baby, I was made to
 - travel back with him in an ambulance. I asked the man in
 - the ambulance what's the baby doing, who's the other
 - 25 baby? He said it's yours. I said what's it doing here?
 - I'm not supposed to look at him. We got him back to
 - Opunake, both myself and the baby, and I was made to
 - 28 breastfeed my baby.
 - 29 Q. And then what happened?
- 11.47 30 A. Two days later he was gone.
 - 31 Q. There is a page in your records, Anna, page 6 in the
 - 32 corner, there is a note about your baby being adopted and
 - 33 that you came back together to Opunake. You can see
 - there that's at the bottom of that page from July 1974.

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- 1 There is an instruction to the social worker, "Could you
- 2 please see the baby at Opunake and let me know how Maori
- 3 it looks"; can you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What do you think about that?
- 6 A. It's very racist because he was just a baby.
- 7 Q. After you left the Opunake family, where did you go?
- 8 A. I was sent back to my Dad where I didn't really want to
- 9 go and then I ended up in a relationship.
- 11.48 10 Q. What was your Dad like by that time?
 - 11 A. Still the same, still drinking.
 - 12 Q. You were still under Child Welfare, weren't you?
 - 13 A. That's correct.
 - 14 Q. Do you remember the social worker visiting you?
 - 15 A. Yes.
 - 16 Q. And did they meet your Dad?
 - 17 A. Yes.
 - 18 Q. You've talked about starting to live with the man you
 - met, and I can see in your records it talks about you
- 11.49 20 living with him and his mother?
 - 21 A. Yes.
 - 22 Q. So, that's at paragraph 37 of your statement. You were
 - 23 17 when you had another baby, weren't you?
 - 24 A. Yes, I had a little girl.
 - 25 Q. And so, can you tell me a bit about what life was like
 - 26 for you then?
 - 27 A. When I met up with my partner, he became very abusive,
 - like my father did. He was totally worse than my father.
 - And my children saw the abuse I was going through but the
- 11.50 30 State ward knew all about it because I was battered and
 - 31 bruised and nothing got done to save my life. My kids
 - 32 would have been left without a Mummy.
 - 33 Q. And there's another page from your records, Anna, it's
 - got a 7 in the corner for you. That talks about you

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- going in to visit your social worker with two black eyes
- 2 and a big lump on your face, doesn't it?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And it talks about how that had been done by your
- 5 partner. And it says there that you were talked about
- the care you should expect from him because it looked
- 7 like you thought being beaten up was inevitable, it was
- gives just always going to happen, I guess is another way of
- 9 looking at it.
- Do you remember what happened about that? Do you
 - 11 remember what Social Welfare did?
 - 12 A. They did nothing. They didn't even press charges.
 - 13 Q. It says in that record there that they checked you'd been
 - to a doctor; and there's nothing else there, is there?
 - 15 A. No.
 - 16 Q. So, you were still living with him when Child Welfare
 - discharged you, weren't you?
 - 18 A. That's correct.
 - 19 Q. And the last document in that pile from your records has
- a little 8 in the corner, that talks about how you were
 - 21 pregnant, doesn't it, and how they're going to see how
 - you care for your baby and decide whether to discharge
 - 23 you?
 - 24 A. Yes, I was pregnant with my third child.
 - 25 Q. Yeah. And that record says, it's your social worker
 - writing, "As far as I can see, she is a waste of our
 - time. She's changed addresses and I gather she's back
 - living with her de facto"?
 - 29 A. That's correct.
- 11.52 30 Q. And you were discharged a little while after that,
 - 31 weren't you?
 - 32 A. Yep.
 - 33 Q. You talked in your statement about the time after Social
 - Welfare care. What was life like?

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- 1 A. After I was discharged from the State care, they were
- 2 coming around checking on me after I had left to see if I
- 3 was coping with my other children, I coped really well.
- I felt that if I could treat my children right, why
- 5 couldn't I be treated right?
- 6 And then I left this relationship and met up with a
- 7 lovely man who I love so much. It helped me on my
- journey to get to where I am today.
- 9 Q. You've talked a little bit about the effect on your
- childhood on you in your written statement, do you want
 - 11 to talk a bit about that?
 - 12 A. My childhood?
 - 13 Q. About how you think it affected you as an adult?
 - 14 A. My childhood has been affected due to being raped. When
 - I was raped at a younger age, I felt there was no adult
 - part of me inside me. My adulthood is actually starting
 - now. I don't remember my age, I do now. And just
 - everything was just taken. I don't know who I really am.
 - 19 Q. Anna, in your written statement at paragraph 44, you
- 11.54 20 talked about changing your name so Annasophia. Can you
 - tell us why you did that?
 - 22 A. Yes, I changed my name to Annasophia because of being
 - abused under my real name was enough to put a record on
 - 24 me. I am not going to be discriminated with the pain
 - I've got today. I love my name, Annasophia Calman.
 - 26 Q. That last name is your husband's name?
 - 27 A. That's correct.
 - 28 Q. You talked a little bit about how your mental health has
 - 29 been over the years. Do you want to talk to me a bit
- 11.55 30 about that?
 - 31 A. I have been placed on medication due to Post Traumatic
 - 32 Stress Disorder. I thought I was going mental but I was
 - told by my doctor, no, it's due to the pain I've been
 - going through, throughout my life. I'm under counselling

- as well. I've got a lovely counsellor, she's beautiful.
- I forgot to tell her I was coming here today.
- 3 Q. You're going to have quite a story when you get home.
- 4 The last thing that I wanted to talk to you about
- before I see if there's anything else you want to say, is
- 6 about your legal claim. And you've said that you
- 7 instructed Cooper Legal about a legal claim against the
- 8 Ministry of Social Development; that's right, isn't it?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 11.56 10 Q. And the very last paragraph of your written statement you
 - 11 have said that your claim documents were sent to the
 - Ministry on 4 August 2015 and you haven't heard anything
 - back; is that right?
 - 14 A. That's correct.
 - 15 Q. Anna, we talked a little earlier about education and your
 - reading and writing. Do you want to talk about how you
 - learnt to read and write and when? When did you learn?
 - 18 A. I learnt to read and write when I first went to
 - 19 polytechnic. I was taught how to breakdown words and how
- 11.57 20 to put it together and how to say it together. The only
 - 21 thing I never I really wanted to learn was maths, I
 - 22 didn't know anything about maths until I met the man I'm
 - with today because he's a carpet layer, you've got to
 - know the metres, everything. So, I'd look at my husband
 - and think, oh my golly gosh, I wouldn't want to be a
 - carpet layer. I'm still trying to mend what I have to do
 - today but he wishes me all the best on my journey and to
 - do the thing at polytechnic, how to read, I never, like
 - last year I got my first degree in looking after elderly
- 11.57 30 people. I love looking after elderly people.
 - 31 Q. So, you care for other people now?
 - 32 A. I do. The elderly people are like my parents that I
 - 33 didn't have in my life.
 - 34 Q. Anna, I know that we were talking earlier about your

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- whanau, is there anything you want to say about how you get on with your family and your own children?
- 3 A. After I had done my book and then went to one of my
- 4 visiting days with one of our Commissioners that's
- 5 sitting here with us, I rung up my siblings. It's
- 6 something I wouldn't want anybody to go through because I
- 7 lost all my siblings. I never thought we could come
- 8 together but we did it. I encouraged my siblings to do
- 9 what I'm doing but not to push it. Be honest with
- 11.59 10 yourself and carry on with yourself. Like, I spoke to my
 - 11 sister this morning, she was heartbroken. So, it's very
 - hard to see what I'm doing and for them to do the same.
 - 13 Q. And you talked to me a bit about your children and your
 - 14 grandchildren.
 - 15 A. Last night I went to visit my grandchildren and my 6
 - great grandchildren. My daughter, who's also a social
 - worker, praise her, she's also taking on two children,
 - two of my grandchildren that were placed into CYPS, she's
 - taken on that role model now of being the mother to these
- two grandchildren. She's doing a wonderful job. I just
 - wish we had State people like her. She's also doing
 - 22 psychology work to help younger people out there today
 - and we'd never been so close enough I spoke to one of
 - them on the phone today, my son.
 - 25 Q. Anna, is there anything else that you want to say that we
 - haven't talked about or that is important to you?
 - 27 A. I want to read the story that my daughter sent me.
 - 28 Q. Yep. Just for the Commissioners' knowledge, Anna's
 - 29 daughter has sent her a letter and she would like to read
- 12.00 30 it.
 - 31 CHAIR: Thank you.
 - 32 MS HILL: It is just on her phone.
 - 33 A. When I find it. "To my dearest mother. I can imagine
 - how hard today will be for you. After all these years,

	1	you are able to tell your story about the truth of what
	2	happened to you in State care and hold those accountable
	3	to the drama that you have been through in care and your
	4	daily living and you as a person. I pray today will
	5	bring you a voice, some healing, tears of joy and some
	6	relief. I know no amount of korero will fully heal what
	7	no child should ever go through, experience and endure
	8	while in the care of others or welfare care but this will
	9	show them, the Royal Commissioners, State care and your
12.02	10	perpetrators how strong you are today. Thank you for
	11	speaking up.

Q. I don't have any more questions for you. Some other people might want to talk to you, so just stay where you are and just take a minute, okay? You've done so well.

15 CHAIR: Thank you, Ms Hill. Ms McKechnie.

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MS McKECHNIE: My name is Sally, and I am here on behalf of the Bishop and congregational leaders of the Catholic Church and I would like to acknowledge your evidence on their behalf today and thank you for your courage in speaking to us.

Representatives of the Catholic Church of Te Ropu Tautoko are here and they heard what you have had to say, they have listened very carefully and on their behalf I thank you for your courage.

The current leadership of the Sisters of Nazareth were not aware of what had happened to you in St Joseph's Orphanage [Nazareth House] until they saw your evidence and they are very concerned to hear what has happened to you. They hope they can meet with you and talk to you about how to help with your healing. I have written to Amanda about that and she will talk to you about that when you're ready, and that will not be today, I'm sure, but when you are ready the Sisters of Nazareth would like to speak to you about how they can help. Thank you very

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	Τ	much for speaking to us today.
	2	A. Thank you.
	3	CHAIR: Thank you, Ms McKechnie. Colleagues, are there
	4	any of you that wish to ask any questions? No,
	5	there aren't. I want to thank you for your
	6	evidence. It is very difficult to speak in public
	7	about these things but your bravery is remarkable
	8	and we are all very grateful to have what you have
	9	said to the Royal Commission now in front of us on
2.04	10	the record. Thank you.
	11	MR MOUNT: Thank you, Mr Chair. Perhaps if we could
	12	have another short adjournment before the next
	13	witness?
	14	CHAIR: Thank you.
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	16	Hearing adjourned from 12.05 p.m. until 12.15 p.m
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