

Answer to question 10:

DP: We encountered that also with the defence inquiry – people who had been brutalized in the most dreadful manner

DP: I mean people that have been brutalised, ah, in the most dreadful manner, um would say, well you know, I just don't want to relive it any of that again. I mean if you'd been raped as a 22-year old and now you're a happily married woman of 45, you don't necessarily want to come forward and say, oh well, you know, this is what happened to me. And that is an aspect of, of encounters, any of these sorts of inquiries encounters and maybe it's a good thing that you don't try to invite people to relive ah, traumatic experiences. But that's their option ah, and what we want to be in a position of is making it open to them to come if they wish. Ah and provide us with information, which we can then use, and if people are being threatened, well we need to know that, and we need to be able to say it.