

## Investigation into the conduct of Moses Obeid, Eric Roozendaal and others

### ICAC FINDINGS

The ICAC has found that Moses Obeid engaged in corrupt conduct by providing a \$10,800 benefit to the then Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC as an inducement for Mr Roozendaal to show favour to Obeid business interests in the exercise of his official functions, or the receipt of which would tend to influence Mr Roozendaal to show favour to Obeid business interests in the exercise of his public official functions.

There are no corrupt conduct findings made against Mr Roozendaal, the Hon Edward Obeid MLC (Edward Obeid Sr), Paul Obeid, Rocco Triulcio or Rosario Triulcio.

### ICAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission is of the opinion that consideration should be given to obtaining the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions with respect to the prosecution of Moses Obeid, Rocco Triulcio, Rosario Triulcio and Paul Obeid for offences of providing false or misleading evidence contrary to section 87 of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* as follows.

**Moses Obeid**, for offences of giving false or misleading evidence at the public inquiry: when he gave evidence that the Honda CR-V obtained by Peter Fitzhenry from Peter Warren Automotive was originally intended for Nata Re; that his first conversation with Mr Roozendaal about purchasing the Honda CR-V was on 18 June 2007 when Rocco Triulcio decided that he did not want to acquire the vehicle for Mrs Re; when he said that he instructed Mr Fitzhenry to locate two cars - one for Rocco Triulcio and one for Mr Roozendaal; when he denied that he arranged for Rocco Triulcio to provide a cheque to purchase the Honda CR-V that was intended for the Roozendaals.

**Rocco Triulcio**, for offences of giving false or misleading evidence at the public inquiry: when he said that the Honda CR-V obtained by Mr Fitzhenry from Peter Warren Automotive was originally intended for Mrs Re; when he said he gave a cheque in the amount of \$44,800 to Mr Fitzhenry to purchase a Honda CR-V for Mrs Re; when he said that he became upset when Mr Fitzhenry could not obtain a suitable price for his Mercedes vehicle and consequently instructed Mr Fitzhenry to sell the Honda CR-V he had obtained.

**Rosario Triulcio**, for offences of giving false or misleading evidence at the public inquiry: when he gave evidence that the Obeid Corporation Pty Ltd paid the shortfall of \$10,800 to Challenge Property Investments Pty Ltd because Rocco Triulcio decided not to acquire the Honda CR-V for Mrs Re and Challenge Property Investments was therefore at risk of losing money; when he gave evidence that he recorded all the entries relating to the Honda CR-V in Challenge Property Investments' books of accounts against the Obeid Corporation loan account because it was "just an easy way to balance it out" and when he denied that the money paid to Mr Fitzhenry by Rocco Triulcio for the Honda CR-V was a loan to the Obeid family.

**Paul Obeid**, for offences of giving false or misleading evidence at the public inquiry: when he gave evidence that the Obeid Corporation paid the shortfall of \$10,800 owing on the Honda CR-V because Rocco Triulcio decided not to buy the vehicle and Challenge Property Investments was therefore at risk of losing money; when he gave evidence that the \$10,800 payment of 20 June 2007 was recorded in the Obeid Corporation's financial records as a repayment of a loan because the Obeid Corporation was covering a loss suffered by Challenge Property Investments.

### BACKGROUND

In August 2011, Mr Fitzhenry provided information to the Commission alleging that in approximately June 2007 Moses Obeid asked him to facilitate the acquisition of a Honda CR-V for Mr Roozendaal as a reward for favours that Mr Roozendaal had performed for Moses Obeid's father, Edward Obeid Sr. The Commission investigated and, as part of a public inquiry concerning three matters (Operations Indus, Jasper and Acacia) held a four-day segment on this matter (Operation Indus) commencing on 1 November 2012 at which ICAC Commissioner the Hon David Ipp AO QC presided and 18 witnesses gave evidence. The Operation Indus report is available on the ICAC website at [www.icac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au).

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