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THE COMMISSIONER: Take a seat. We'll have the interpreter sworn and the witness re-sworn.

<GARMAN (JOANNE) LUM, affirmed

[10.09am]

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Take a seat. Thank you.

MS HEGER: Mr Uy, on the last occasion I was asking you about the trip to Tangshan in April 2016. Do you recall that?---*Yes, I do recall.*

10 And I'm now going to ask you about that morning that you checked out of your accommodation in Tangshan. You checked out around the same as Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi, is that right?---*Yeah. Similar time but I can't remember. Similar time, similar time, yes.*

Did you see Mr Badalati and Mrs Hindi having a discussion with China Liu's staff in the lobby that morning?---*From a distance, distance I saw them talking to each other.*

20 Okay. You couldn't hear what they were saying?---*It was a very busy place with lots of people there at that time.*

So the answer is, no, you couldn't hear them?---*I couldn't.*

Okay. And could you see what they were doing?---*It was like someone, something to the staff. It was, I was far away. The person was doing this.*

And who was, was it Mr Badalati, Mrs Hindi doing the giving?---*I think both of them were doing some movement but it's too, too long ago. Yeah, too long.*

30 It appeared to you that both of them were giving something to China Liu's staff, is that right?---*Yeah. Looks like it. But it was, they were far away.*

Okay. Was your brother, Tommy Wong, with you at this time?---*No. He was, he was, he was at their side.*

He was standing with Mr Badalati and Mrs Hindi, was he?---*Yeah. They were, he, he was close to their side.*

40 And what was he doing, was he just watching or was he participating in the discussion?---*I saw that he was, like he was talking to someone, chatting with someone but he was too far away, I couldn't hear him. He appeared to

be talking to someone, the staff for me. Yeah, I think he was chatting with the staff.*

The same staff that Mr Badalati and Mrs Hindi were talking to, is that right?---*He was talking to someone but I don't know. He was so far and it was so long ago, you know? I think it was the same person, I think he was speaking to that person. There were lots of people in the hall at that time and I, I was so far away.*

10 The next morning you, well, that morning you went back to Beijing, correct?

THE COMMISSIONER: Just before we move on, was your brother staying at the hotel?---*Yes.*

Thank you.

MS HEGER: After that you went back to Beijing, didn't you?---*Yeah.*

20 And you checked into the Beijing International Hotel again?---*Yeah.*

And Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi also checked in to the same hotel? ---*Yeah.*

And did you pay for Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi's accommodation at the Beijing International Hotel on that occasion?---*Yes, but I have to provide an explanation. I paid by credit card but he paid me back. He or she had paid me back. Paying together allowed me to get, earn points and get a reward in China.*

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Okay. So let's start with Mr Badalati. He paid you back when? In Beijing?---*Yeah. We clear it up every single time. It was in Beijing, yes.*

Okay. He gave you cash?---*In RMB.*

And what about Mr and Mrs Hindi? They gave you cash, as well? ---*Yeah.*

40 And they gave you that in Beijing?---*Yeah. They paid, yeah.*

All right. Mr and Mrs Hindi then flew to Hong Kong before flying home.
Correct?---*Yeah. Yeah.*

And you booked that flight for them from Beijing to Hong Kong?---*Yeah.*

And did you pay for it?---*Yeah. And he or she paid me back.*

So Mr and Mrs Hindi paid you back. Was that in cash, as well?---*In cash.*

10 And where did they do that? In Beijing or back home in Sydney or where?
---*In Beijing. I recall, I think it was in Beijing, yes.*

All right. And then you travelled on to Shenzhen with Mr Badalati. Is that
right?---*Yeah.*

And you stayed at the Shenzhen InterContinental again?---*Yeah.*

And did you pay for Mr Badalati's accommodation in Shenzhen?---*No.*

20 All right. Can I show you volume 10.2 which is Exhibit 205? Can we just
make that a bit bigger, please? You'll see this is an article from The Sydney
Morning Herald dated 2 April, 2019, and it says "Councillors referred to
watchdog" and it goes on to talk about Mr Badalati's and Mr Hindi's trip to
Tangshan in April 2016. Did you read this article around this time, April
2019, Mr Uy?---*Chinese one.*

There was a Chinese version published, was there?---*Yeah, Chinese.*

And you read that one in April 2019. Is that right?---*Yeah, yeah.*

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All right. And then Mr Badalati commenced defamation proceedings
against The Sydney Morning Herald. Are you aware of that?---*I know.*

And did Mr Badalati ask you to help him arrange a statutory declaration
about what happened in Tangshan with the payment of the
accommodation?---*He did not, he did not ask me to help but he told me to
tell the truth, base on the truth.*

40 Well, you then contacted your brother Tommy Wong for him to arrange a,
for him to prepare a statutory declaration, didn't you?---*Vince gave me a
card and told me that this person saw it and helped as an interpreter. So it

was a business card and I contacted the person. I saw that oh, it was my brother so, but I have not told him.*

What do you mean you haven't told him?---*I did not tell him that he was my brother. Something - - -*

Oh, you didn't tell Mr Badalati?---*It was something personal so I do not feel like I have to disclose to him so I didn't, I didn't tell.*

10 All right. Can I show you volume 3.11. Make that a little bit bigger, please. This is the statutory declaration that your brother Tommy Wong then prepared. Correct?---*I never read it before.*

All right. Well, he's also known as - - -

#BREAK IN RECORDING [10.24am]

20 **SHORT ADJOURNMENT** [10.24am]

THE COMMISSIONER: Take a seat. Thank you.

MS HEGER: Mr Uy, you've spent time in China before with Mr Badalati and your brother, Tommy Wong, together, haven't you? Before this trip to Tangshan, I mean.---*Yeah. It was a birthday party.*

And there have been other occasions, haven't there?

30

THE INTERPRETER: And happened in?

MS HEGER: There have been other occasions, haven't there, other than that birthday party that was discussed before?---*Yes, but – yes.*

And you've introduced Tommy Wong to Mr Badalati as your brother prior to this trip in Tangshan, haven't you?---*No. No, just as a friend. I never disclose my personal matters to other people. Even my family was not told when I got married myself. I don't tell my personal matters to other

40 people.*

Well, that's not a personal matter, that's just the identity of your brother. Are you saying you never told Mr Badalati Tommy Wong was your brother?---*That's the principle for me to conduct myself. I never told my family, the identity of my family to other people.*

All right. Can I show you - - -

THE COMMISSIONER: Is there a reason for that?---*That's just my practice, that's my privacy. I have my privacy.*

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MS HEGER: Can I show you volume 2.21, page 43? Oh yeah, I'll mark the volume 3.11 as MFI 52.

**#MFI-052 – STATUTORY DECLARATION PREPARED BY
TOMMY WONG**

THE WITNESS: *Is that a document?*

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MS HEGER: I was just marking a document I've shown you before. I'm now going to a new document which was volume 2.21, page 40. Sorry, page 43, message 40. You see at message number 40 at the top there, that's Mr Badalati sending a message to you? And the text says, "Badalati Vincenzo Pietro." And then message number 42 is a message from yourself to, it's says Tang Min Huang. That's Tommy Wong, isn't it?---*Yeah.*

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And then if we keep going down to message number 45 on the next page, that's a message from Tommy Wong to yourself. And you'll see it has a web address with the words "statutory declaration Pietro". So Mr Wong sent this statutory declaration to you, didn't he?---*I don't recall that.*

Well, that's what it says in the message.---*Yeah.*

Is it still your evidence you didn't read this statutory declaration?---*Yeah, because I don't remember about it. I don't remember about it. I don't read English documents. I don't read it, I seldom read it.*

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All right. The statutory declaration says that, sorry, if we go back to it, MFI 52, volume 3.11. The statutory declaration says in paragraph 2 that Mr Pietro, which is a reference to Mr Badalati, "and another each paid RMB

4,000 to the staff of Mr Liu”. Did you see Mr Wong count any cash that had been given by Mr Badalati or Mr and Mrs Hindi to China Liu’s staff on this occasion?---*I said before that they were far away and I couldn’t see clearly. All I could see that they were chatting.*

Did you tell Mr Wong to put the number 4,000 RMB in this statutory declaration?---*Of course not. They sorted it out between themselves, not me. It was them, it was just between themselves.*

10 You didn’t tell Mr Wong what to put in this statutory declaration at all. Is that your evidence?---*I don’t remember. I think Vince has told me but I don’t remember whether or not I have told him. Yeah.*

You think Vince, Mr Badalati told you what?---*Vince said that he has paid to the staff. There was a phone conversation about it but I don’t remember whether a figure was mentioned.*

20 Well, and I’m asking you did you have a conversation with Mr Wong where you told Mr Wong what needed to be in the statutory declaration?---*I did mention it to him but I can explain, I never mentioned a figure. I, I relayed what Vince told me to him. I also said to him to, I told him to do it if he did see it but not to do it if he had not actually seen it.*

So you say you relayed to Mr Wong what Mr Badalati told you. What was that? What did you tell Mr Wong?---*I spoke to him on WeChat at the same time and Vince was there as well. I said, “If you witness it do it but if you have not witnessed it don’t do it.”*

30 Well, all right. So it was Mr Badalati who requested you to organise this statutory declaration, wasn’t it?---*He did request. He said that he asked, he asked my brother, that is, what was Mr Wong, to, to serve as a witness.*

Okay. Can I show you volume 3.12. First of all can I ask, that first statutory, the statutory declaration I just showed you, you then gave that to Mr Badalati when you received it. Correct?---*They posted it to him. They posted it.*

40 Well, but as you see from the messages before it looks like you were sent a copy. Did you send one on to Mr Badalati or not?---*Yeah, yeah. I showed it to him when we were having a coffee. I showed it to him.*

Okay. You then received a second, well, Mr Wong then prepared a second statutory declaration, didn't he?---*Yeah. He said something was wrong. Vince said so, that something was wrong.*

Yes. Well, this is a second statutory declaration which is in June 2019 and you can see in paragraph 2 it says "Just before the end of our breakfast Mr Badalati paid RMB 2,000 and Mrs Hindi paid RMB 4,000 to the staff of Mr Liu." Is this what happened, Mr Badalati read the first statutory declaration and said "That's not right, I didn't pay 4,000, I paid 2,000" and then asked
10 for it to be corrected?---*Yeah.*

So then did you contact Mr Wong and say "Please prepare a new one"?---*I can't remember because it's too long but I think it was when Vince told Mr Wong directly when I was having a coffee with him*

Sorry, Mr Badalati told Mr Wong to correct it, is that what you said?---
Yes. Using my phone, my WeChat, that's the best of my recollection. I have forgotten about this already.

20 All right. Well, as far as you know Mr Wong had no idea how much Mr Badalati had actually given China Liu's staff on this occasion, did he?---
He did see him paying the staff.

Yes, but he didn't know how much, did he?---*Well, that I don't know.*

THE COMMISSIONER: But if I understand your evidence correctly, you were having coffee with Mr Badalati and he used your phone and the WeChat application to contact your brother?---*Yeah, yeah.*

30 And Mr Badalati told your brother what sum to put in the statutory declaration?---*I can't remember but they had that, the conversation themselves. They talked to each other themselves.*

But you were present.---*How, how can I remember something that happened six/seven years ago? It's six or seven years already. Five or six. I don't know, a few years I would say.*

MS HEGER: Well, it's not five or six years because this statutory declaration was 2019.---*I really don't remember.*

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Can I just mark volume 3.12 as MFI 53?

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

**#MFI-053 – SECOND STATUTORY DECLARATION PREPARED
BY TOMMY WONG**

MS HEGER: Can I ask again about the flights from Shenzhen to Beijing?
10 You said that you paid for Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi by credit card
and then they paid you back in cash, is that right?---*Yeah. Yeah.*

Can I show you again volume 2.21, starting with message number 8, which
is page 37. You see at message number 8, you have written a message to
Emily Ly and she's a travel agent based in China. Correct?---*Yeah.
Yeah.*

And you see in message number 8, you give Emily Ly the name Vince and
then in message number 9, you say, "It's April 2016." Do you see that?
20 ---*Yeah.*

Here you were arranging a receipt for those flights from Shenzhen to
Beijing, weren't you?---*Receipt? You mean the day for Tangshan?*

No, I'm talking about the flights from Shenzhen to Beijing in 2014. April
2014, you contacted Emily Ly to arrange receipts for those flights for Mr
Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi, didn't you?---*Yeah. Yeah.*

Then further down, you'll see at message 20, sorry, you'll see at message
30 18, it says, "From Shenzhen to Beijing"?---*Yeah.*

And then at message number 20, it says, "Can you give to the three of them
a receipt from your company, right, paid in cash?"---*Yeah.*

So if Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi gave you cash for these flights,
why are you asking a travel agent to generate a receipt?---*Emily booked a
day flight and the airport ended up being closed due to weather concerns. At
the end, we had to buy from another airline, the very last flight. I think it
was called Hainan Airlines, yeah.*
40

Mr Uy, these are text messages to Emily Ly in April 2019. You understand that?---*Yeah.*

And you're asking Ms Ly, the travel agent, to give you a receipt for Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi for those flights from Shenzhen to Beijing. Correct?

10 MR PATTERSON: Well, I object to that, Commissioner. That is not properly putting what's appearing in the receipt. Counsel Assisting puts to my client that he is asking for him to be given a receipt. Message 20 I see he says "Can you give to the three of them a receipt."

MS HEGER: All right. I'll rephrase the question. Here you were asking Ms Ly to give Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi a receipt for cash that they supposedly paid for these flights, correct?---*Yeah.*

So I ask again, if they gave you the cash for these flights why didn't you just issue the receipt, why did you need to get one from the travel agent?---
How can I issue any receipt?

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Well, if you were the one who received the cash, which was your evidence earlier, it's you who should issue the receipt to them, not the travel agent, isn't that right?---*He has paid me but the receipt should go to him, issued to him. It's like when you have paid for it you will get the receipt. Why would that come to me, come from me?*

30 THE COMMISSIONER: But you're asking a company, the travel agent, or Ms Ly, to issue a receipt that suggested they had paid the travel agent when in fact they hadn't, they paid you.---*Yes, they paid me but that was as if they have paid the agency. That's what should have been done. That's, that's how we worked in China. If I pay you, you, the, the travel agency would issue a receipt to me. That should, that's how it would work.*

No, but the travel agent was issuing a, you had asked the travel agent to issue receipts not to you but to Mr and Mrs Hindi and Mr Badalati.---*It was them who paid me so they should get the receipt. That's how it worked in China. Because they paid me I got them, the travel agency, to, to send a receipt to them. That's how it worked.*

40 Well, can I suggest this to you, what you were really doing was asking the travel agency to create a false receipt?---*No. No, it was in their name, the

booking was for. They should be issued the receipt. Imagine if you were booking for me, the agency would be sending me the, the receipt and not, not you, to the person who made, made the booking, right?*

But you're suggesting that travel issue receipts saying that they had paid the travel agents in cash when according to your evidence they paid cash to you.---*Well, that's what it will be in the receipt because they paid me.*

10 MS HEGER: All right, Mr Uy, you also arranged for receipts to be issued from the Beijing International Hotel, didn't you, in 2019?---*Yeah.*

Can I show you message 53 in the same volume. Message number 53 is from yourself to an unidentified number on 19 June, 2019 which includes the names Hindi Con and Vincenzo Pietro Badalati and it says, "Using Australian passports. Checking in on 11 April, 2016." Was this a message to someone at the Beijing International Hotel?---*The supervisor, yeah.*

20 And did Mr Hindi or Mr Badalati ask you to arrange this receipt from the Beijing International Hotel?

THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, I beg your pardon?

MS HEGER: Did Mr Hindi or Mr Badalati ask you to arrange this receipt from the Beijing - - -

MR PATTERSON: I object, Commissioner. There is nothing in that message to indicate that it is a receipt.

30 MS HEGER: Sorry, I'll go further down to another message to make that proposition good.

THE COMMISSIONER: I reject that. I mean, it may be that that's right, it doesn't refer to, but the witness is entitled to be questioned as to what was going on.

MR PATTERSON: No, but in fairness to this witness, Commissioner, there are difficulties with translation and to tell him that a document is something that it is not is only going to add to the difficulty.

40 THE COMMISSIONER: I don't think that was how it was put but if I'm wrong I'm wrong.

MS HEGER: I'll do it this way, Commissioner. You see at messages 54 and 55 a document has been sent from the same person at the Beijing International Hotel to you. Do you see that?---*Yeah.*

And again at messages 56 and 57 someone at the Beijing International Hotel sends documents to you. Correct?---*Yes.*

10 And you see at message number 58 it says, "Hello. Thank you. They said that at the time of checking out they paid with RMB cash themselves and did not do transfer balance to one room to pay. They paid for their own." Is that what the Chinese says?---*Yeah.*

Yeah. So you had asked for Beijing International Hotel to provide you with receipts for Mr Hindi and Mr Badalati, correct, and they then – sorry, stopping there. You asked for those receipts. Correct?---*Yeah, a receipt for the, of the accommodation.*

20 And then that person at the Beijing International Hotel provided you with those receipts. Correct?---*Yeah.*

And then you wrote in message number 58, "They said at the time of checking out they paid with RMB cash themselves." And in doing so you were asking for the receipt to be amended. Correct?---*No, because they were transferred into the one room, my room to be, and I paid for it. Yeah.*

30 Yes. You paid for Mr Badalati's accommodation and Mr and Mrs Hindi's accommodation at the Beijing International Hotel initially, didn't you? ---*Yeah, and I was paid back afterwards 'cause he paid me back afterwards.*

Yes. Your evidence was that they then gave you cash?---*Yes, in cash.*

Well, here, you're asking the Beijing International Hotel to prepare a receipt saying that they received cash when it was you who received the cash. Isn't that right?---*No. What I meant here was that they have paid me in cash after they have checked out from the room. Yeah.*

40 THE COMMISSIONER: No, that can't be right.---*That's what it is. Used my China credit card to pay for it.*

But what you say here is that they, that is Badalati and the Hindis, said to you that at the time of checking out, they paid with RMB cash themselves?
---*No. What they meant was it's, there's no grandmother. What they meant was after they have checked out, they have paid me in cash. Even the hotel's records shows that I paid for, for all myself.*

MS HEGER: Well, but you go on to say in this message "and they did not do transfer balance to one room to pay". Aren't you saying there "the balance wasn't transferred to my room"?---*What I meant was the hotel
10 asked to transfer into one room and then they must insist on doing so. So they decide, and so they ended up paying me back themselves.*

Well, Mr Uy, what happened is this. At the Beijing International Hotel, let's start with Mr Badalati. The cost of the accommodation for Mr Badalati was transferred to your room and you paid for it by credit card, didn't you?
---*Yes. Everyone else was transferred into the one room to pay.*

Yes. But what you're doing here is asking the hotel to generate a receipt that says Mr Badalati didn't transfer the balance to your room, in fact, he paid in
20 cash at the hotel. Isn't that what you're saying?---*What I meant was I asked them to put it into the one room but they ended up paying me, so I asked for the receipt to each of them to say that they have paid in cash.*

Well, what I suggest to you, Mr Uy, is that you're asking Beijing International Hotel to generate false receipts for Mr Badalati and Mr and Mrs Hindi.---*I definitely disagree.*

All right. Can I show you volume 3.1, page 1? And volume 2.21 has already been marked as MFI 7. I just note that for the record. Mr Uy, this is
30 a receipt from Marconi Travel for Mr Badalati dated 4 April, 2016 and the total is \$6,500.---*I don't know about this one.*

You've never seen this document before?---*Never seen this document before.*

All right. Can I show you volume 3.3, page 1? Volume 3.1 will be MFI 54.

THE COMMISSIONER: 54, yeah. Thank you.

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#MFI-054 – VOLUME 3.1

MS HEGER: Mr Uy, this is a statement of account from American Express for Mr Badalati and you'll see it has four entries for the InterContinental Shenzhen China. Have you see this document before?---*I have never seen it before.*

All right. That'll be MFI 55.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#MFI-055 – VOLUME 3.3

MS HEGER: Can I show you volume 2.15, page 17? And I can tell you, Mr Uy, that this photograph was found on your mobile phone.---*So?*

20 You recognise that as Mr Badalati's card, don't you?---*I don't remember. I can't tell.*

Well, do you recognise Mr Badalati's hand in that photograph?---*I can't recognise that.*

All right. Well you can see that the amounts on there are first for the InterContinental, \$1,456.65 and second it says "Airfare", \$6,560. And you understand that – sorry.---*So? So?*

30 And you understand those amounts match up with Mr Badalati's expenses at the InterContinental Shenzhen and his receipt from Marconi Travel, you understand that?---*I don't know about that.*

Well, I just showed you the receipt and the accounts and I'm telling you that they – for the purposes of my next question assume those amounts on this handwritten note match up with the amounts we saw earlier on the receipt and the accounts. Can you explain why this photograph is on your phone? ---*I really don't remember. I really don't know. He might show it to me to say, to show me how much he'd spent. I, I don't know. It's just very common. It's just the general conversation.*

40

Well, the photograph is on your phone because you had an agreement with Mr Badalati to reimburse him for his travel expenses. Is that right?
---*Definitely not and I would not be able to afford it anyway. Why would I pay?*

All right. So you deny that you reimbursed Mr Badalati for the expenses shown in this note?---*I do deny.*

I'll tender volume 2.15, page 17. That will be Exhibit - - -

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THE COMMISSIONER: 230.

MS HEGER: - - - 229. 229.

THE COMMISSIONER: 229, is it? Sorry.

#EXH-229 – VOLUME 2.15 PAGE 17

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MS HEGER: Can I show you the next page in that volume, page 18.---*I'm feeling so confused now. You're moving from one to another. I'm so confused now.*

Well, I'll ask you a question about this document, Mr Uy, and if you don't understand my question please let me know. This is another photograph that was found on your phone and it's an invoice issued to Mr Hindi and partner for a one year return ticket from Sydney to Hong Kong. It's dated 8 April, 2016. It's an invoice for Mr and Mrs Hindi's flights to Hong Kong for that trip in April that we've been discussing. Can you explain why a photograph of this invoice is on your phone?---*Maybe the travel agency has sent it to me. Yeah.*

30

Well, you see this is a photograph of an iPad which has the invoice on it. Is that your iPad?---*An iPad, it's, it's not an iPad, is it? It's a table, isn't it? It looks like a table to me. Yeah.*

Well, there's - - -

40 THE COMMISSIONER: Table or tablet?

MS HEGER: Do you mean a tablet or a table?---*I really can't remember but you can tell for yourself whether is it a tablet or a table.*

Well, yes. I'm suggesting to you it's a tablet or an iPad because you can see there's a reflection on the surface of this invoice. Do you see that?---*I don't have an iPad. At most, I would have taken a photo of it.*

Yes. So is this Mr or Mrs Hindi's iPad?---*I have no idea. I introduced the travel agency to him, I did.*

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Well, what I'm suggesting to you, Mr Uy, is that Mr or Mrs Hindi showed you this invoice on their iPad. Do you accept that or deny that?---*I don't remember.*

All right. And what I'm suggesting to you is that they showed it to you because you had some sort of arrangement to reimburse them for their expenses for this flight?---*Definitely disagree.*

20 Right. And did you reimburse them for their expenses for this flight?---*I did not.*

Right. That'll be Exhibit 230.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#EXH-230 – VOLUME 2.15 PAGE 18

30 MS HEGER: Can I now show you volume 2.8, page 49, Exhibit 202? Mr Uy, this photograph was found on Wensheng Liu's phone and it's dated 11 August, 2016. I can also tell you Mrs Hindi has confirmed it's her handwriting. Have you seen this handwritten note before?---*I haven't. I don't remember, I really don't remember.*

Well, you'll see that there's an amount for 4,240 and it says "(airfares)". Did Mrs Hindi provide this note to you and did you then show it to Wensheng Liu?---*No, I didn't get anything.*

40 Mrs Hindi never showed this note to you. Is that what you're saying?---*I don't remember.*

Well, so are you saying it's possible she did, you just can't recollect?---*No. I really don't remember whether or not she has given it to me. Don't play games with words with me.*

Actually, I'm not trying to play games with your words, Mr Uy. I'm just trying to clarify. When you say you don't remember whether she's shown it to you, are you accepting it's possible that she did or not?---*I really can't remember.*

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All right. Can I show you 24.6? And we can take a break at that point, Mr Uy, if that would assist?---*I'm so confused now. It's never-ending. It's been a week long.*

THE COMMISSIONER: What are you confused about?---*You would be the same, it would feel the same if it was you sitting here for a week long.*

MS HEGER: Can we go to the entry for 17 August. Keep scrolling down, please. August, please. You see there, Mr Uy, there's an entry for 12 August, 2016 and I can tell you that's a cash withdrawal from the account named there, the Gencorp Pty Ltd account.---*I see that.*

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Is that in fact the account number for the Gencorp account NAB9187?---*I believe so.*

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All right. Can we go to the end of this document. There are some further details for that withdrawal on 12 August, 2016 and you'll see that it's a withdrawal by Elaine Tang and it's cash \$100 times 40 and \$50 times 120 at Hurstville. Did you instruct Ms Tang to withdraw this \$10,000 on this occasion?---*I don't remember. There were, we had so many transactions.*

All right. Well, bear in mind that the handwritten note on Wensheng Liu's phone was 11 August, 2016 and this withdrawal is the next day, 12 August, 2016, when you answer my next question. Was this withdrawal of \$10,000 to be paid to Mr or Mrs Hindi for their expenses, their travel expenses on that trip to China in April 2016?---*No.*

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Well, what I want to suggest to you, Mr Uy, is that you did in fact reimburse first Mr Badalati for his expenses to China set out in that note I showed you and that you did so in the hope of influencing him to vote favourably on

Landmark Square or 1-5 Treacy Street. What do you say about that?---*No, definitely not.*

And I suggest to you also - - -?---*How would I, why I would need his help?*

I suggest to you you also reimbursed Mr and Mrs Hindi for their travel expenses in the hope of influencing Mr Hindi to vote in your favour, in favour of the Landmark Square planning proposal or the 1-5 Treacy Street
10 development. What do you say about that?

MR PATTERSON: Objection, Commissioner. Could that, there are two questions there, one in relation to Landmark and one in relation to Treacy Street. Could they be put separately?

THE COMMISSIONER: Why do they have to be put separately if the contention is that it was to influence them in respect of both?

MR PATTERSON: If it please you, Commissioner.
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THE WITNESS: *No.*

MR RIZK: Commissioner, this is the solicitor for Mrs Hindi. The question is unfair in relation to Mrs Hindi on this basis, the question says “Did you try to influence them” as in Mr and Mrs Hindi. Mrs Hindi is not a councillor on council so the question should be re-put to remove Mrs Hindi. Unless there is a different question, it shouldn’t be put in that way.

MS HEGER: All right. I’ll ask the question again. Mr Uy, did you
30 reimburse Mr and Mrs Hindi for their travel expenses in the hope of influencing Mr Hindi to vote in favour of the Landmark Square planning proposal?---*No, no, no.*

All right. And did you pay for Mr and Mrs Hindi’s travel expenses in the hope of influencing Mr Hindi to vote in favour of the development at 1-5 Treacy Street, Hurstville?---*No, no, no.*

Is now an appropriate time for a morning break, Commissioner?

40 THE COMMISSIONER: Sure. I’ll adjourn.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT

[11.32am]

THE COMMISSIONER: Take a seat, please.

MS HEGER: Commissioner, I marked for identification volume 3.1 as MFI 54. I'll tender that as Exhibit 231.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#EXH-231 – VOLUME 3.1

MS HEGER: And volume 3.3, which was MFI 55, I'll tender that as Exhibit 232.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#EXH-232 – VOLUME 3.3

MS HEGER: Mr Uy, I just want to clarify something. When I was asking you about the accommodation in Tangshan you referred to a conversation that you witnessed between Mr Badalati and Mr Liu's staff, correct?---
From a distance. It was very busy at that time. There were lots of people there.

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I understand that. My question is just, that was China Liu's staff you were referring to, not Wensheng Liu's staff, correct?---*That's right, yeah.*

And when the statutory declarations refer to Mr Badalati giving Mr Liu's staff some money, you understand that to be a reference to China Liu, don't you?---*I believe so.*

40 All right. Can I show you volume 1.4, page 255, which is Exhibit 127? This is an email from Michael Gheorghiu to Elaine Tang and others, dated 15 April, 2016 and it says "Dear Elaine, council issued their agenda and assessment report this morning for the planning proposal that will be heard

at the council meeting on 20 April, 2016.” It includes a link to the report and then it says “Council staff support the planning proposal however do not support the overall height and FSR.” Now, I appreciate this email’s not copied to you but did you find out around this time that council had issued their assessment report for the Landmark Square planning proposal?---*I don’t remember.* In fact, most of the time I was in Hong Kong, I mean I was in China.*

10 Yes, I know that but you’re able to communicate with Ms Tang by mobile phone when you’re in China, aren’t you?---*Very rarely. They deal with it themselves. They communicate with Michael directly themselves.*

All right. Mr Uy, you understand that the Landmark Square planning proposal was voted on on 20 April, 2016?---*I really don’t, I really don’t remember. I think I was in Hong Kong at that time, I mean I was in China. I really don’t remember.*

20 Just assume for the purposes of answering my next question that the council did vote in favour of the Landmark Square planning proposal on 20 April, 2016. My question to you is did you find out in the three or four days leading up to that, that council staff did not support the height and FSR?

THE INTERPRETER: Three or four days leading - - -

MS HEGER: Leading up to the council vote.

THE INTERPRETER: Up to the - - -

THE WITNESS: *No.*

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MS HEGER: So you’re denying, are you, that anybody told you that the staff did not support the overall height and FSR in those few days leading up to the council meeting? Is that your evidence?---*Now, it’s really something long time ago. Sometimes you do forget things and I don’t know about them. So how can I answer that? How can you remember everything when it’s something that’s six, seven years ago and every day, there’s different things happened?*

40 THE COMMISSIONER: Can you ask that question again? Your answer wasn’t an answer, so - - -

MS HEGER: Mr Uy, I'm just asking you, do you deny that you found out that the council staff did not support the height and FSR in the days leading up to the council vote or are you just saying you can't remember one way or the other?---*I don't recall.*

Okay. Well, can I just show you a document? Volume 19.2, please, which is MFI 40. And I want to go to row 123, please. Row 123. Mr Uy, do you see the entry there for 19 April, 2016, 12.21pm from yourself to Mr Badalati?---*What is that? Yeah.*

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Well, you understand, of course, that the Commission has examined your mobile phone and the phones of Mr Badalati and others. You understand that?---*Yes. And so what?*

And this document is a record of calls between the various people listed there. Do you understand that?---*Yeah.*

And so on 19 April at 12.21pm there's a call of 12 seconds duration from yourself to Mr Badalati. Did you actually speak to Mr Badalati on that occasion?

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THE INTERPRETER: That's 12 seconds? 12 seconds, is that - - -

MS HEGER: Yes.---*It's been so long I don't remember.*

Okay. And you'll see a couple of rows down there's an entry from Mireille Hindi to yourself, two entries in fact. Do you see that?---*What number?*

Row 125 and 126.---*And what about that?*

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Well, they're only four seconds duration. Did you speak to Mrs Hindi on those occasions?---*I don't remember.*

All right. And then in the next row 127 again on 19 April at 1.52pm there's a call of 14 seconds duration from yourself to Mr Badalati. Did you speak to Mr Badalati?---*Really can't remember.*

Okay. So you can't remember whether you spoke to Mr Badalati on that occasion.---*I don't, I don't even remember if I called him. I really don't remember.*

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Okay. And in row 128 there's a call from yourself to Mrs Hindi this time of 1 minute 33 seconds duration. So that duration suggests you did actually speak to Mrs Hindi. Do you remember what you spoke about?---*I don't remember.*

All right. And then in the next row there's another call from Mr Badalati to yourself this time 41 seconds duration. Do you see that?---*I can see that.*

10 Do you recall what you spoke to Mr Badalati about on that phone call?---*I don't remember. I have no recollection about it.*

Well, Mr Uy, it's likely, isn't it, that when you spoke to Mr Badalati on 19 April it was about the Landmark Square planning proposal?---*I don't remember.*

Well, bearing in mind this is the day before council was to vote on the Landmark Square planning proposal, can you think of any other reason that you might have been speaking to him on 19 April?---*I don't remember.*

20 I'm asking you can you think of any other reason other than the Landmark Square planning proposal that you'd be speaking to Mr Badalati?---*How can I think of anything when I don't even remember having made such a call or remember about this matter. It's six years ago.*

All right. So your answer is no. As you sit here today you can't think of any other reason why you would have been speaking to Mr Badalati on 19 April. Is that right?---*I do not remember.*

30 All right. And your conversations with Mrs Hindi on 19 April, it's likely they also related to the Landmark Square planning proposal, correct?---*I really can't remember.*

All right. And can you think of any other reason why you would have been speaking to Mrs Hindi on 19 April other than the Landmark Square planning proposal?---*Dealings, dealings between an agent and agents, we have many other things to talk about. Why would I remember it?*

40 Well, can you name some other dealing that you were having with Mrs Hindi around about 19 April, 2016, which isn't Landmark Square?---*I really can't remember.*

All right. Can I show you volume 1.4, page 257? This is an email from Philip Sansom to Mr Hindi and Mr Badalati on 19 April, 2016 at 2.08pm. You're not copied to this email and I'm not suggesting it was forwarded onto you but were you aware that Mr Sansom was drafting this resolution around this time?---*I don't know. I might be in Hong Kong at that time. I wasn't present there, I have not seen it. I don't remember. I might not even be in Hong Kong, I could be in China.*

10 Mr Uy, it doesn't matter whether you were in Hong Kong or in Australia, you were clearly talking to Mr Badalati on 19 April, 2016 as I've shown you. Do you accept that?---*Talk about what?*

Well, I'm asking you, did Mr Badalati tell you that he and Mr Sansom and Mr Hindi were working together on this resolution for Landmark Square? ---*I don't remember.*

Did Mr Sansom tell you that they were working on this resolution for Landmark Square?---*I don't remember.*

20 Did Mrs Hindi tell you that Mr Hindi was working on this resolution for Landmark Square?---*I don't remember.*

Well, what I'm suggesting to you, Mr Uy, is that on 19 April, 2016, Mr Badalati was consulting you on the drafting of this resolution. Do you accept that, deny that or you don't recall?---*I really don't recall.*

Okay. Before the council voted on 20 April, 2016, were you told that it would vote in favour of a 60 metre height for site A?

30 THE INTERPRETER: For site A?

MS HEGER: Yeah. Sorry. I should rephrase that question. Were you told that Mr Badalati, Mr Sansom and Mr Hindi would vote in favour of a 60 metre height for site A before the meeting?---*These were all communicated to the architect, not to me. And they talk between themselves, among themselves not through me.*

40 So you're denying that you knew that those three individuals would vote in favour of a 60 metre height. Is that right?---*Don't get me wrong. I said that they might have communicated with the architect but I don't remember

anything else. Don't show me something else to say that I have said something wrong or, no, and accuse me of lying.*

Mr Uy, I'm not accusing you of lying. I'm just simply asking a question and inviting you to answer it.---*Look, it's six years ago. It's something that happened six years ago. How can I remember so many things? I had an accident. I have lost some memory. I had a concussion in my brain. I suffered a fall. I told you about this and you should know about that.*

10 Well, Mr Uy, it's open to your legal representatives to tender some evidence of those matters. You understand that, don't you?---*I have sent a photo to show blood all over my head before.*

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. And you went to the doctor, didn't you?
---*I did go and see doctor.*

And the doctor told you to take a Panadol and go home?---*I can't remember. I'm often forgetful. I can't even remember whether or not I have taken a blood pressure pill in the morning. Sometimes I will do it
20 twice without remembering having done so before.*

MS HEGER: All right. So your evidence is you can't recall whether you knew or not that Mr Badalati, Mr Hindi and Mr Sansom would vote in favour of a 60 metre height, is that right, you just can't remember?---*I don't remember.*

All right. And I take it the same applies to the FSR of 3.5:1, you can't remember whether you knew that Mr Hindi, Mr Badalati and Mr Sansom would vote in favour of that FSR before the council meeting?---*He has
30 spoken, he has spoken to the architect. He should have spoken to the architect.*

THE COMMISSIONER: The question is whether anyone spoke to you.
---*I, I really don't remember.*

MS HEGER: In fairness, Mr Uy, I'll just take you back to volume 19.2, MFI 40 again, and show you a couple of other entries. Row 142. Row 142. I'm sorry if I've asked you about this one already. This is a call from yourself to Mrs Hindi of 1 minute 42 seconds duration. I take it you can't
40 remember what that call was about.---*I can't remember.*

And row 146 is a call from Mr Badalati to yourself 1 minute 40 seconds. I take it you can't remember what that call was about.---*Don't remember. Don't remember.*

And I take it the same applies to rows 147, 149, 150 and 151, also calls from Mr Badalati to yourself. You can't remember what those were about.

THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, what's the first one again?

10 MS HEGER: It was row 147, 149, 150, 151 and 152.---*How can I remember?*

And does the same apply to row 156 which is a call from yourself to Mr Sansom of 18 seconds duration? You can't remember what that was about.---*Can't remember.*

And the same applies to row 157 from Mr Badalati to yourself 51 seconds duration.---*Yeah.*

20 Well, I suggest to you again it's likely that those calls between you and Mr Badalati were about Landmark Square. What do you say about that? ---*I can't remember.*

And I suggest the same thing about the call from you to Mr Sansom, it's likely that was about Landmark Square. What do you say about that?---*I really can't remember about them.*

Okay. Can I show you volume 2.15, page 21, which is Exhibit 146. Can we just show the date of this photograph? Scroll down a bit. Is there a date
30 there? This is taken on 16 May, 2016 which of course is after council voted in favour of the Landmark Square planning proposal. That's Mr Hindi's house, correct?---*Yeah.*

And of course that's you in the middle, fifth from the left?---*Yeah.*

What was the occasion for this dinner?---*They were talking about the kitchen waste where China Liu wants to invest in Hurstville and they were thinking of having St George area preserved and he will invest \$100 million in the project. Oh, sorry, it's \$1 billion. Con Hindi, Con Hindi invited them
40 to his home to show them the, his food, his food, food from his nationality.*

Well, on your understanding was this also an occasion to celebrate council voting in favour of the Landmark Square planning proposal?---*No. No. One thing that I want to say is China Liu never invested in Landmark Square. He never paid, he never invested in Landmark Square. He, he had no name there, nothing's under his name there. Why would he join the celebration if that was the celebration? It was celebration for kitchen waste project, they wanted council to support, support it where the rent was just \$1 per year.*

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Well, Mr Uy, only two months earlier China Liu has signed an agreement, an MOU, to invest in Landmark Square, hadn't he?---*That's a fake one. He had not paid even a, like a \$1 into, not even \$1.*

I'm not asking you whether or not he ultimately paid anything but he did sign that agreement on 18 March, 2016 in Chinatown, didn't he?---*He, yeah, he signed, he signed with China Liu only. We did not know what he signed for.*

20 Mr Uy, you say - - -?---*I only knew that it was in relation to kitchen waste. I had a company. It's, I had a company with China Liu for that.*

Mr Uy, you're saying now you didn't know what was signed in Chinatown but your evidence the other day was that you told Mr Hindi and Mr Badalati it was about Treacy Street and Landmark Square. Wasn't that your evidence?---*I told my lawyer this morning that that night I was actually drunk. I did not say those words.*

30 You're retracting your evidence now from the other day. Is that right?---*I can't remember what I said and now I remember this morning and I had only spoken to my lawyer this morning about it. That night I was drunk and I did not say those words and now I remember that was the case.*

THE COMMISSIONER: But you told me the other day that you spoke to them the next day, that is the day after the dinner, and told them that the agreement or the MOU concerned Landmark Square and Treacy Street. That's what you told me the other day.---*I, like I told my lawyer this morning now I recall that night I was actually drunk. I never said those words. I told my lawyer this morning.*

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I'm talking about the next day.---*I've been asked 1,000 questions here. Sometimes I have answered it incorrectly but now when I recall it clearly I did not say those words. I've already told my lawyers this morning.*

What about the next day after the dinner, did you tell them?---*No.*

MS HEGER: And what about at the signing ceremony on Tangshan, Mr Uy, did you tell them then that this was an agreement about Landmark Square and Treacy Street?---*No.*

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And what about in the weeks prior to that trip to Tangshan, you didn't tell them then either. Is that now your evidence?---*I, all I know is that he was invited to, to, to inspect the technology that's used in the kitchen waste. I did not know about the signing.*

So you're now saying you didn't even know that China Liu had agreed to invest in Landmark Square. Is that what you're saying at this time?---*All I knew was my responsibility related only to the kitchen waste. I, I was to invite, to invite them to go and inspect the technologies that they apply in, in the kitchen waste project and to seek support from council to the project.*

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Are you denying that as at 16 May, 2016 you knew China Liu had agreed to invest in Landmark Square?---*Let me tell you it's not an investment until he has actually put money in it.*

That's not my question, Mr Uy. I'm asking you are you denying that you knew as at 16 May, 2016 that China Liu had signed an MOU agreeing to invest in Landmark Square. Are you denying that or not? Please answer my question.---*To me, whatever he had signed, it does not matter because he has not put in any money. If he had not actually put in the money, how can I regard that as an investment? It's not even a dollar that he has put in.*

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THE COMMISSIONER: But that's not the question. The question is whether or not you knew that the MOU related to investments including Landmark Square and Treacy Street.--- *I can't remember. And with what he has signed, there were other projects involved as well, projects in China.*

Did you ever become aware that the MOU concerned, amongst other, Landmark Square and Treacy Street?---*I can't remember. I could have known about it but I can't remember very clearly. He hasn't even paid a dollar or a cent. How can you call that an investment?*

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I'm talking about the MOU, but, anyway, that's your evidence.---*I didn't sign the MOU.*

I didn't suggest that you did.

MS HEGER: I'll show you volume 2.15, page 26. You'll see the date of this photograph is 7 June, 2016, and the photograph was found on your phone, Mr Uy.---*Yeah.*

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Is this an occasion where you met up with Mr Badalati in China or Hong Kong?---*I can't remember.*

Well, can I show you the next page, page 27? This photograph was also found on your phone. And you can see it has a number of items, including dinner, transport and then a number of amounts for those items. Do you see that?---*Yeah.*

20 Is this a note of Mr Badalati's expenses for that trip in June 2016?---*I really can't remember.*

Well, what I want to suggest to you, Mr Uy, is that you've taken a photograph, or what I want to suggest to you is that this is a record of Mr Badalati's expenses and that you've taken a photograph of it because you had an agreement to reimburse him for those expenses. What do you say about that?---*Of course not.*

All right. Page 26 will be MFI – no, I'll just - - -

30 THE COMMISSIONER: 56, is it?

MS HEGER: 56 and page 27 will be MFI 57.

#MFI-056 – PHOTOGRAPH DATED 7 JUNE 2016

#MFI-057 – PHOTOGRAPH OF EXPENSES

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MS HEGER: All right. Mr Uy, you then took another trip to Tangshan in June 2016, correct?---*Yeah.*

And Mr Hindi and Mrs Hindi also travelled to Tangshan on that occasion? ---*Yes.*

And that was for the signing in Tangshan of an agreement between China Liu and Mr Hindi, correct?---*Yes.*

10 Now, there's been some evidence in this inquiry that GR Capital Group paid for Mr and Mrs Hindi's airfares but that Mrs Hindi gave you cash for those airfares. Are you aware of that evidence?---*Yes.*

And did Mrs Hindi give you cash for those airfares?---*Yes.*

And when did she do that?---*Before the, after the ticket was booked, before heading out to Tangshan. There was money, yeah.*

20 And how much did she give you?---*Now, the ticket was for about \$6,300. She paid me \$6,700.*

Why did she pay you the extra amount?---*She said that was to cover other expenses like hotel and others. I paid, and I gave the money back to China Liu.*

30 Oh, you gave it to China Liu. Where did you do that?---*When he came to Australia. China Liu spent 80 per cent of his time in Australia on the poker machine. He often needs cash, notes of \$100, well, one after another. He often, he often needed cash so I gave him cash.*

All right. So you gave China Liu \$6,700 Australian cash when he was in Australia, is that right?---*Yeah, yeah, because China Liu is paying for their airfare.*

Okay. And when did you give that to him?---*In Chinatown, near Paddy's, in Paddy's Market, near Haymarket, upstairs. I think it was in a coffee shop in Market City, yeah.*

40 But you can't say when exactly that was?---*Before going to Tangshan.*

All right. Can I take you forward to 2017, Mr Uy? At that point you became concerned with council's delay in assessing the Landmark Square planning proposal, correct?---*I'm so confused now.*

I'll ask the question again and if you don't understand it please just let me know. In 2017 you became concerned about council's delay in assessing the Landmark Square planning proposal. Correct?
---*Probably, yeah.*

- 10 All right. And One Capital Group sought some legal advice from Addisons Lawyers. Correct?---*Yeah.*

And you attended a meeting with Addisons Lawyers on 15 June, 2017 about the Landmark Square planning proposal.---*Let me add, add to it. Yeah, I asked for professional advice on that. Because Barangaroo that, that, I sought their advice because they helped with the rezoning in Barangaroo in, near Wynyard. I can't remember whether it's Barangaroo. So I sought their professional advice.*

- 20 All right. Mrs Hindi attended that meeting, didn't she?---*I invited them, yes.*

Why did you invite Mrs Hindi to attend that meeting?---*Because it's all open and it needs to be known. It's all open.*

Well, that's not really an answer to my question, Mr Uy. Why did you feel it was appropriate for Mrs Hindi to come along to this meeting?---*Because she introduced Addison to me. It's an open project and I open it up to everyone. I invited all them to attend as well.*

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Yes. Michael Gheorghiu was there as well, as well as Elaine Tang. Correct?---*Yeah, everyone was there.*

And of course Michael Gheorghiu was very capable of explaining the advice that One Capital Group were seeking from Addisons. Correct?
---*Yeah.*

- 40 And so I still don't understand why Mrs Hindi needed to be at this meeting as well. Can you explain that to me?---*Because she introduced me and therefore I just brought her, I just – well, it's very normal.*

All right. Mr Hindi was there as well. Correct?---*Yeah.*

And did you invite him too?---*I did.*

And why did you invite Mr Hindi to this meeting?---*Because as a councillor he should know about the rezoning and he should know whether that would be beneficial to Hurstville. It's all open. It's all open. And don't try to think of what I did from a negative angle. Look at the benefit it might bring to Hurstville. You should think this way.*

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You said that Mr Hindi was a councillor. Of course, you understand that council was in administration at this time, don't you?---*I can't remember.*

Right. Well, you invited Mr Hindi because you thought he might be able to provide some useful advice on how to progress the Landmark Square planning proposal. That's right, isn't it?---*No. He knew about the rezoning, that's why, to assess whether there will be any benefits to bring to Hurstville. Is anything wrong with this? That's normal, isn't it? (not transcribable) You don't always think of it from a negative way. Think of it, think of how it can benefit Hurstville.*

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Mr Uy, there's no need to tell me how to think. Please just listen to my questions and answer them as best you can. All right?---*I don't think that's fair. She always thinks about things that way, but, anyway.*

Are you saying you invited Mr Hindi just so that you or others present could explain the benefits of the Landmark Square development to him? Is that what you're saying?---*To see if there would be any benefits that would be brought to Hurstville, not whether it brings benefits to Landmark Square but to Hurstville itself.*

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Well, planners engaged by The One Capital Group had already explained that on multiple occasions to council, hadn't they?---*No. Council's changing their decision, their, council's changing every day. Each time we approach them, different people say different things to us. It's a different person each time. Four and a half years, it's been with council for this long. Only for the purpose of I have a loan, we have had four to five meetings already. First there was the female general manager. Next door with Landmark, it's called East Quarter. In 2014 and '15, an approval was granted for building 200 units. After one year, another application was put through and an application was made for an additional 220 units. And

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council approved it within six months. Now they have more than 500 units. Within six months, there was a free gift of 200 units or over 200 units. Now, it's under construction now. Over 500 units. They and (not transcribable) that is Kevin Greene. There is an article about him supporting this building in the newspaper. How can they approve an extra 200 units, over 200 units to a, a construction of just 200 units? I reflected it to The Honourable Commissioner last time but I did not hear anything back. Don't think that's unrelated. It's 200 plus 200 and you're pointing your fingers against Landmark Square. I reflected it to ICAC but nobody acted on it.*

All right. So Mr Uy, what I suggest to you is that the real reason Mr Hindi was invited along to this meeting was so that he could provide some advice on Landmark Square. I take it you're denying that.---*What advice? I don't understand what you are saying.*

All right. I'll take that as a denial, Mr Uy and then I'll ask you about one more meeting before we break. There was another meeting at Addisons on 26 June, 2017 which you attended Mrs Hindi attended, correct?

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THE INTERPRETER: Mrs Hindi?

MS HEGER: Yes.---*Yeah.*

And you invited Mrs Hindi along to that meeting as well?---*Yeah.*

All right. And obviously by this point the introductions had been made to Addisons, so why did you invite Mrs Hindi to this meeting this time?---*It's very normal to do this. I know what we need to do, I just need more advice. What's wrong with it? It's just to have everyone there and it's very open.*

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But Mrs Hindi didn't have any particular advice that she could offer you on the Landmark Square planning proposal, did she?---*But she, I, I, but she introduced me to Addisons and I'm not that close to them, familiar with them. It's just very normal to do in our culture. That's how the Chinese culture works.*

Well, I suggest to you the real reason you invited Mrs Hindi to this meeting was so that she could report back on what happened at the meeting to Mr Hindi. What do you say about that?---*I never, it never occurred to me to do this way.*

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All right. Is that an appropriate time for a break, Commissioner?

THE COMMISSIONER: Certainly.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

[1.03pm]