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THE COMMISSIONER: I think the evidence of Ms Stores may not be completed. There was a suggestion that she might need to be further cross examined by those who act for Mr Hindi. Have we heard anything back as yet as to - - -

MS HEGER: Not as far as I'm aware, Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: Can I enquire of Mr Hindi's representatives whether they intend to apply to further cross-examine Ms Stores?

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MR KUTASI: Thank you, Commissioner.

MR CORSARO: Commissioner, it's Mr Corsaro here, I'm back. Can I let the Commission know this afternoon? I've not finalised that view. At the moment she would be required but only for a short period of time. I'm trying to determine finally whether I can let her go.

THE COMMISSIONER: Determine finally what sorry?

20 MR CORSARO: Whether I need her. I will make sure that, one way or the other, I communicate whether she is required this afternoon.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, okay.

MR CORSARO: To the Commission (not transcribable). I'm sorry, I've just been engaged in other matters this morning. I've just come back in.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. And can we have before Monday then, if you do decide to proceed, the usual details about the topics you

30 propose to cross-examine on and whether there's going to be any affirmative case?

MR CORSARO: Of course. As you can recall, I did indicate that I wasn't able to proceed because I wanted to exactly that and that's what's detaining me.

THE COMMISSIONER: That's okay. That's all right. Yes, thank you.

MS HEGER: Can I just bring volume 11.1 back up on-screen, please, which is Exhibit 140? Before the break, Mr Gunning, I think your evidence was that you'd had a conversation with Mr Badalati perhaps on the street where you mentioned Hurstville Business Park that was coming up for sale and Mr Badalati had said, "You should talk to Mr Liu about it." Is that right?---That's correct.

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And so then you engaged in this email communication with both of them and you described Mr Badalati's involvement in this way as unusual. Do you want to elaborate on why you say it's unusual?---I, Mr Badalati was asking as, as more like a representative of, of Liu than necessarily a, a councillor just looking for a development to take place. So I, look, initially, when I suggested to Mr Badalati the property is coming on the market, he then pointed me in Mr Liu's direction, which wasn't unusual.

It had happened before?---No. It hadn't happened before but Mr Badalati

- 20 was very active and very much involved in the, the welfare and the development of Hurstville. And councillors and probably people who were involved with potential developments often would cross over and, you know, we could as a, 'cause we, again, 'cause we were involved in the Chamber of Commerce and other areas, we would say that we think you've got your planning wrong, 'cause the demand's not out there, we think you've got, your DAs are too, taking too long for, for shops. Takes six months to get an approval to open up a shop, which is ridiculous. So you had these very much, I'd get a very strong market feedback. And Vince was always, would take it onboard or Mr Badalati would take it onboard and
- 30 would try to expedite some of those sorts of things, which is I consider to be pretty good council policy, okay, just listening to the marketplace. But, in this instance, when he directed me and then came back, what this email doesn't say, Mr Badalati came back and said or when I spoke to Liu, Vince Badalati then came back to me hence the email.

Right. So you first spoke to Mr Badalati on the street, you think, as you describe?---Then I spoke to Liu.

You spoke to Mr Liu and left it with Mr Liu to get back to you?---He said
he was interested, so interested meaning what I needed to do from there
was, and I would have said it verbally to Mr Badalati, "Look, you'd need to

retain me. This is, CBRE are handling this matter. If you're interested, I'll, I'll get, I'll get an information memorandum, I'll send it over but you need to come back and talk to me."

Right. So just pausing there, you had a conversation with Wensheng Liu but then the next step was Mr Badalati got in touch with you. Is that right? ---Correct. Correct.

And tell us again, what did he say in that conversation?---Look, I've got,I'm reflecting back, okay, that there was a strong interest.

All right. Do you have a recollection of what Mr Badalati actually said? ---No, there was strong interest.

All right. Your impression was from what he said that Mr Liu was interested. Is that right?---Very much so.

Okay. And it's at that point that you then sent this email. Is that right?---I would have made contact with Daniel O'Brien, who I know, who was

20 handling the sale at that stage suggesting that we "there's a prospective purchaser that we may represent" which "could you send me some information" hence the email came back.

Okay. Then can I show you volume 11.2, which is Exhibit 141? So this is a few months later, 31 January, 2014, where you've addressed it to Vince and Liu again with another update about this property?---Mmm.

Can you remember what happened between the last email and this email? ---We didn't get a lot of feedback. It was made quite clear to me by both Philip, Liu and Vince that they were very interested in the property.

So I'm sorry? Philip Uy was involved in the discussion- - -?---Philip Uy but again generally - - -

---- in relation to Hurstville Business Park?---Yes. That they were very interested in the property. And so would I keep on Daniel O'Brien, of CBREs, back and follow him up, pressing (not transcribable) 'cause at that stage, GE had lodged that plan, so hence that conversation. But what I didn't realise that Daniel O'Brien was in the midst of changing jobs. So that

40 contact later on, you'll see that contact broke down. CBRE were appointed

to sell the property and we were, I've suggested then we were out in the cold.

Can I show you volume 11.6, Exhibit 142? So this is a few months again later, 8 July, 2014, and again addressed to you and Vince?---Mmm.

In the third paragraph, you recommend that GE should now start to negotiate the sale of the property with you. Now, did you mean by "you" both Mr Liu and Vince Badalati?---Oh, Liu. Look, it was quite obvious that

10 Vince Badalati was a representative. Liu was the money man. So it was made quite clear that they, even through that email, that they wanted us to press on. So - - -

Do you understood that obviously Wensheng Liu or his company would be the purchaser of this property?---Correct.

But in terms of the negotiations going forward, did you understand that Mr Badalati would have a role in those negotiations?---Again, he was more the representative not the decision-maker inasmuch as he was the one who was regularly contacting me about keep, keep following it up.

So in relation to Hurstville Business Park, your discussions were, in terms of oral discussions, were primarily with Mr Badalati as opposed to anyone else, is that right?---Primarily with Mr Badalati. Liu was a man of few words and, or, Philip, a man of many words. So he would be, if he was in the lift and I was there, he would be on my tail about that and other matters if required.

Were you speaking to Philip Uy about Hurstville Business Park as well?
30 ---He wasn't the primary contact at that stage but he would say that, you know, realise that we, we're interested in buying that property.

All right. I'll show you volume 11.5. Another email from you to Mr Liu and the Councillor Badalati, 24 June, 2014. This time in respect of Treacy Street, Hurstville site.---Ah hmm.

Can you identify which site that was in particular on Treacy Street?---Yes. This was the site which was near to the council car park. It wasn't necessarily, it wasn't the site that One Capital eventually purchased.

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Which is 1-5 Treacy Street?---Correct. This was, this was a different site.

Payce owned the site and, again, we've acted, or had contact with Payce in the past and through their representative was made known to me that they may not build this development, they may go to market. So, again, that, well, this is what this email would have been related to.

And how did you come to be sending this email to Mr Liu and Mr Badalati? Is this an occasion where you thought of them and you reached out to them or is this an occasion where Mr Badalati had approached you?---No. I thought, I thought about it and I spoke to Liu. Whenever I spoke to Liu,

10 Liu, Liu's English wasn't great, he would either have Mr Badalati or Philip contact us, but really the, the relationship was probably more towards Vince and myself.

All right. So because you knew that Mr Liu, from your past experience, was interested in purchasing a large commercial site, you thought of him in respect of this opportunity and sent this email, is that right?---Correct.

Okay. I'll show you volume 11.8. Just one more question in respect of that Treacy Street opportunity. What happened with that?---It was sold, Payce sold it to an interrelated party. It never really went to the open market.

Okay. I'll show you 11.8. This is an email from you to then Councillor Badalati, 18 August, 2014. This time the subject is "300 Forest Road, Hurstville." How did this come about?---Vince would have inquired.

Well, you say he would have inquired. Do you have a recollection of Mr Badalati - - -?---This is - - -

- - contacting you about this property?---It could have been via email or it
 could have been a response. That's a standard response when an inquiry comes through about the property. 300 Forest Road was a standalone small building on the edge of where the, what they call the, I think the Civic Centre is now or the Hurstville Plaza is now and a reasonably significant property for the, from a council point of view. So he inquired on that property as he did with quite a few other properties that we, he was on our mailing list. He'd call and make that inquiry. We'd send a property report. If there was any further interest it would, it'd go from there. That's a standard response.
- 40 And you didn't understand Mr Badalati to be personally interested in buying this property, did you?---Look, as I said, I found Mr Badalati was actively

promoting looking to kick Hurstville CBD along because at that stage it was struggling to a certain extent and he was actively looking to see what's taking place, which sometimes I thought it may have crossed over to being, to being a bit unusual but - - -

In respect of this property did you understand him - - -?---No, he wasn't buying himself.

- - - to be interested in buying it himself?---Not, not my understanding.

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He was making the inquiry on behalf of someone else.---I, that was my impression.

And do you know who he was making the inquiry on behalf of?---No, I do not.

But there were some circumstances where he made inquiries for people other than Mr Liu. Is that right?---He would nominate that person if he was making that inquiry.

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Okay.---Just in relation to that property, council encouraged, we managed a lot of those, we managed this property. We managed a block surrounding this property. Council, through other representatives, said look, they'd like to amalgamate that block because it had a, would have a big impact. It's right beside the railway station. A large impact on the middle of the CBD. They were actively thinking of doing it. So because of our relationship with the council as active agents they'd say, look, is, you should probably try to put that site together. Could will be really interested if you could be able to put that site together. Again not unusual to be able to push things along. So

30 with that sort of inquiry, could have been Vince may or may not have had someone who was interested in doing something with the council, spoke to the council, so I never really drilled down on it, so to speak.

I'll show you volume 11.9. An email from yourself to then Councillor Badalati, 27 August, 2014, this time in respect of 9 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville.---Ah hmm.

How did this come about?---That's a good point. It's, it's been a while ago.

40 Did Mr Badalati approach you or - - -?---9 Crofts Avenue - - -

Sorry, you go ahead.---9 Crofts Avenue is a freestanding, another freestanding property all associated with that block, the subject block we're talking about. So you've had 300 Forest Road and a street that ran parallel to that behind it was Crofts Avenue. So I was endeavouring to pull, I had multiple meetings where I actually invited some council officers to come along generally to talk to about getting this group of half a dozen owners to contemplate selling where it'll be advantageous if they sold because they would get the uplift in any, any development control, you know, FSR for example.

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All right.---So this, and this may well have been related to those sorts of conversations.

All right. So you didn't understand Wensheng Liu to have an interest in this property. Is that right?---I don't think, at that stage I, at that stage I wasn't actively involved with, with Liu. I was, with that, with that inquiry, no. Vince inquired, as I said, Mr Badalati would inquire about a lot of the properties, a lot of the sites, actually seeking advice and that is "We are off the record" – not sort of much off the record, actively looking at what

20 council may be able to do to actively promote development in the CBD. Because it was failing, it was a strip of old shops, it wasn't going well and the council made a lot of mistakes. So they were actively looking to try to reinvigorate the place and Vince was very much as the fore, leading that charge, which was admirable, I thought.

Can I show you volume 11.10? Oh, I'm sorry, I'll tender volume 11.9, Exhibit 170.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yeah. Thank you.

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#EXH-170 – VOLUME 11.9

THE WITNESS: Where are we? That's the - - -

MS HEGER: Sorry, just pause a moment and I'll ask you a question. Sorry, I should also tender volume 11.5, Exhibit 171.

40 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#EXH-171 – VOLUME 11.5

MS HEGER: And volume 11.8, I'm sorry, I should tender, and that's Exhibit 172.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

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#EXH-172 – VOLUME 11.8

MS HEGER: All right. Back to volume 11.10, please. An email from yourself to Councillor Badalati again, 11 September, 2014, the Darrell Lea site at Kogarah.---Correct.

And did Mr Badalati make an inquiry of you about this site?---He did.

20 And this is a response to that inquiry?---Correct.

Did you understand it to be connected to Wensheng Liu?---No, he was acting, when it said Daniel, who's Daniel Gunning, may have passed on this report to Corey Cooney. So, who, I was a little surprised that the Cooney family were, Vince was working with them.

All right. I don't think I need I need to ask you any more questions about that. Could I show you volume 11.12, and I'll tender that one as Exhibit 173.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#EXH-173 – VOLUME 11.10

MS HEGER: An email from yourself to Councillor Badalati, 27 October, 2014.---Yep.

40 This time about a hotel development opportunity in Alexandria.---Ah hmm.

You said, "I've called to advise," that is you called Mr Badalati, "to advise that I spoke to Liu about a hotel development opportunity in Alexandria. He is interested. Liu wants to investigate this matter when Philip is back from Hong Kong." Is that Philip Uy?---Correct.

And can you tell me how this came about?---Again, we were selling a site in O'Riordan Street, Alexandria, which was approved for a hotel. Liu had made it clear they were interested in building a hotel. So that email, that's a response to probably a discussion that Daniel or I may have had with Liu or

10 might have been William Gunning, my other son, who may have said we've got a site in Alexandria, and Vince inquired for further information.

Okay. You obviously had a conversation with Wensheng Liu about this. Why did you need to report to Mr Badalati as well?---As I said earlier, that this, Liu was a man of few words, and often the inquiry or further correspondence would come back from either Philip or Vince.

Okay. And what happened after this email? Did you have any further discussions with any three of them, any of them?---No. Again, we sold it to

20 another party. It was a general inquiry. That matter didn't proceed beyond this inquiry.

Did you have any discussions with Mr Badalati, Mr Liu or Philip Uy about the Landmark Square site?---No. Look, and I say that, we were aware that site was being put together. We weren't actively involved in it, others were. There may have been general, general discussion but not directly with me, no.

So you said that from time to time, Philip Uy or Mr Liu would seek sort of 30 informal advice, your impressions of the value of the land and the like? ---Mmm.

Did that happen in respect of Landmark Square?---No, it didn't. They, at that stage, we didn't have a lot to do with, with Liu or, or Vince Badalati at that stage. At that, the, the, the conversations, our, our interaction there tended to not be as, as active as it was earlier.

Okay. When you say "at that stage" just to give you some context, One Capital, that's Mr Liu's company, entered into the options to purchase part

40 of Landmark Square in August 2014, which is around the time - - -? ---Around that time, yeah. --- you're sending these emails. Are you saying you didn't have regular discussions with Mr Liu around that time or ---?---Look, we were aware that they were trying to put that site together 'cause Philip would talk openly, as I said before, he's a man of many words, and so from that side, we backed away. It wasn't something that we're going to actively get involved in. They were running that project themselves with others. So we saw, we didn't, we saw that as a, a waste of our time.

10 Did Mr Badalati give you any indication that he was being remunerated in some way for the assistance he was giving to Wensheng Liu or Philip Uy? ---As I said earlier, it was an unusual relationship and being an old man of, of this industry, we don't do things for nothing. Did I, and I found Mr Badalati with my dealings with him to be a man of, I liked the man, I thought he did a lot of very good work in the area and I suppose I chose not to pass any judgement.

MR PARARAJASINGHAM: Well, Commissioner, can I just, I'm not sure if that was responsive to the question.

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THE COMMISSIONER: No, no, no. I agree. Can you ask the question again?

MS HEGER: Yes. My question was did Mr Badalati actually give you any indication - - -?---No.

- - - that he was being remunerated?---Did not. No.

So it's a speculation that you're engaging in, based on your experience in 30 the industry. Is that right?---That's correct.

Okay. I have no further questions of Mr Gunning.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

MS HEGER: However, I will tender volume 11.12, Exhibit 174.

#EXH-174 – VOLUME 11.12

THE COMMISSIONER: I think I've received notice that Mr Liu's representative is Mr Hood, from memory, might want to ask some questions but they can't do it today. Is that - - -

MS HEGER: Yes. I understand there is an application but they do not wish to do it today and they need to take some instructions.

THE COMMISSIONER: In relation to Mr Gunning's evidence – sorry. Did you want to ask a few questions?

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MR PARARAJASINGHAM: No, Commissioner. As I understand, no statement from Mr Gunning was uploaded to the site and whilst Mr Badalati was asked some questions about some communications last week, further matters have fallen in evidence from Mr Gunning today.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yeah.

MR PARARAJASINGHAM: I suppose what I'm saying is I too would like to take some instructions from Mr Badalati.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Sure.

MR PARARAJASINGHAM: I'm not suggesting that I will have questions but I may.

THE COMMISSIONER: No, no, no. I understand.

MR PARARAJASINGHAM: So if I could just reserve my position in that regard?

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THE COMMISSIONER: Yeah. That's fair enough. Do you have any availability next week?---I am, but not Monday.

Okay. Well, I'll get you, so what day do we suggest?

MS HEGER: Commissioner, if Mr Gunning has availability on Tuesday morning, we could do it first thing on Tuesday, 10 o'clock?

THE COMMISSIONER: That's okay?---Okay.

Terrific. Okay. We'll let you go now and see you again on Tuesday. And it may be that people come back and they say they've got nothing to ask and then we'll let you know well before that, sorry, we'll let you know as soon as we know.---I understand, Commissioner.

Thank you.---Good. Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS STOOD DOWN [2.20pm]

MS HEGER: Commissioner, I now call Chris Yan but I understand there needs to be a short adjournment to make arrangements for the interpreter.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. And what language does Mr Yan speak?

MS HEGER: Mandarin.

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THE COMMISSIONER: Mandarin, is it? Okay. We'll take a short adjournment.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT [2.20pm]

THE COMMISSIONER: Take a seat. I'll just have the interpreter sworn in.

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<GARMAN (JOANNE) LUM, affirmed [2.29pm]</pre>

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Would you ask the witness whether he will take an oath or an affirmation?

MR YAN: *Affirmation.*

<XIN (CHRIS) YAN, affirmed

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Take a seat. You don't have a lawyer here with you today?---*No.*

I'd like to explain to you your obligations and your rights as a witness before this Commission. As a witness you must answer all questions truthfully and you must produce any item I require you to produce during

- 10 the course of your evidence. I have power under the ICAC Act to make an order which will give you some protection. The effect of a section 38 order is that your evidence and any item you might be required to produce can't be used against you in any civil proceedings or, subject to one exception, any criminal proceedings. The exception is that the protection given to you by a section 38 order does not prevent your evidence from being used against you in a prosecution for an offence under the ICAC Act, most importantly an offence of giving false or misleading evidence. It is very important that you tell the truth, and if you do not, you will commit a very, very serious criminal offence. I'm not suggesting for one moment that
- 20 you're going to give untruthful evidence, and I'm hoping, of course, that you will tell the truth. But, as I said, if you give false or misleading evidence, you commit a very, very serious offence and the penalty can be imprisonment for up to five years. Do you understand that? ---*Understand.*

I think I should make a section 38 order to give you that protection that I've talked about. Would you like me to do so?---*Yes.*

Thank you. Pursuant to section 38 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988, I declare that all answers given by this witness and all documents and things produced by him during the course of his evidence at this public inquiry are to be regarded as having been given or produced on objection, and there is no need for the witness to make objection in respect of any particular answer given or document or thing produced.

DIRECTION AS TO OBJECTIONS BY WITNESS: THANK YOU. PURSUANT TO SECTION 38 OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ACT 1988, I DECLARE 40 THAT ALL ANSWERS GIVEN BY THIS WITNESS AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND THINGS PRODUCED BY HIM DURING THE

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THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

10 MS HEGER: Mr Yan, could you please state your full name?---*Xin Yan.*

And what is your current occupation?---*I'm a company director.*

Is that for AEC Consulting?---*Yes.*

What sort of work do you do in that role?---*The daily management of the company and the running, management of the companies, schools under this company.*

20 And what is the nature of the business that AEC Consulting does?---*It's in the education industry.*

Is that a subsidiary of One International Corporation?---*One International Corporation is a shareholder of AEC.*

Right. And are you – do you work with Wensheng Liu in your current job? ---*No, I only work for this company now. Not anymore, I only work for this company now. And also I am currently a director of The One International Corporation.*

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And Mr Liu is also a director of The One International Corporation, correct?---*Not anymore.*

All right. But he once was?---*Yes.*

Is he also a director of AEC Consulting?---*He was previously.*

When he stop being a director of AEC Consulting?---*I think it was since October 2018.*

You're also a very good ping-pong player as I understand it, is that right? ---*Can be said so.*

And that's how you met Wensheng Liu, isn't it, through ping-pong? ---*Correct.*

You met him at a ping-pong club, is that right?---*Yes.*

Where is that club based?---Fort Street High School.

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Fort Street High School. In Petersham?---*Yes.*

And you're now Mr Liu's ping-pong coach, is that right?---*Well, I won't say I'm coach to him, but I would play ping-pong with him sometimes.*

All right. And it was after you met at the ping-pong club that Mr Liu offered you a job, is that right?---*Yes.*

And when did you start working for Mr Liu?---*Since 12, year 12.*

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THE INTERPRETER: I just got him to clarify. It was 2012.

MS HEGER: Thank you. And was that first at his company WDL International Investments?---*Yes. He was always the general manager of that company.*

And then you later worked for GR Capital Group, is that right?---*Yes.*

Was that from about 2014?---*Yes.*

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And in that role you did some work in relation to a development at 1-5 Treacy Street, is that right?---*Yes.*

What sort of work did you do on that development?---*For this development project, I have done up some Chinese marketing materials, I have done some research for certain information. I have also edited some Chinese material and done some records of investors.*

All right. You also worked for The One Capital Group, is that right? 40 ---*Yes.* And in that role you worked on the Landmark Square development, is that right?---*Yes.*

And what sort of work was that on Landmark Square?---*Similar work as those that I have done for Treacy Street.*

And when did you start working for One Capital Group?---*I can't say or remember the exact date, but given that Mr Liu is the director for both of these companies, he would give me assignments from time to time, so I

10 can't say exactly when I started with which.*

Understand. Who managed the accounts for GR Capital Group and One Capital Group? Was it you?---*I collect invoices and then I will send to the accountant per quarter and then I also pay invoices.*

And you did that for both GR Capital Group and One Capital Group? ---*Yes.*

Did anybody else have that role or was it just you?---*For GR Capital,

20 Elaine Tang shared the work with me, so sometimes she would pay invoices, as well.*

All right. Did you put both the income and expenses for GR Capital Group into an accounting program?---*Yes.*

And did Elaine Tang do that, as well, or was it just you?---*Just me.*

And did you do the same for The One Capital Group, you put its income and expenses into the accounting program?---*Yes.*

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And that was just your role, no one else?---*Yes.*

And did The One Capital Group have a bank account?---*Yes.*

Was it one or more bank accounts?---*One.*

And you had access to that bank account. Is that right?---*Yes.*

You could make transfers out of that bank account?---*If it was the firsttransfer, then the bank would send the verification code to Mr Liu and he

would then tell me the code. For repeating transactions, that was not necessary, though.*

Did you have to get Mr Liu's permission for transfers over a certain amount?---*He was aware of each transaction.*

But was he aware of it before you did it or did he just get a notification as it happened?---*Both cases had happened.*

10 And what about in respect of GR Capital Group? Did you have access to its bank account?---*Yes.*

Did it just have one bank account?---*Two.*

Did you have access to both of them?---*The one with Commonwealth Bank, I can sign for it. And the other one with NAB, it's the same case as the situation for The One.*

And when you say in respect of the NAB account, it was the same as The

20 One Capital Group, do you mean Mr Liu gave authorisation for the first payment to a third party but then you were able to make subsequent transfers to that same third party without permission?---*In that, I meant he did not have to receive that verification from the bank anymore.*

Okay. And in respect of the CBA account, did you have access to that? ---*Yes.*

And could you make transfers out of that?---*I could.*

30 And then you moved to AEC Consulting in 2018, is that right?---*Yes.*

You also know Philip Uy, correct?---*Yes.*

When did you first meet him?---*Between 2012 to 2013, when I started working for Mr Liu.*

And that was when you were working for WDL Investments, correct? ---*Yes.*

40 And was WDL working together with Philip Uy's company?---*That I don't know.*

But you know Philip Uy had a company called P&I Construction around that time?---*I didn't know at that time.*

You didn't?

THE INTERPRETER: "I didn't know at that time."

MS HEGER: All right. You knew he later had a company called 10 Gencorp?---*Yes.*

And you understood that Mr Liu's company GR Capital was working with Gencorp on the 1-5 Treacy Street project, correct?

THE INTERPRETER: Can I get you to repeat for me?

MS HEGER: You understood that GR Capital Group was working together with Gencorp on the 1-5 Treacy Street project?---*Yes.*

20 Gencorp was the builder for that development?---*Yes.*

And Mr Liu's company, One Capital Group also worked with Philip Uy on the Landmark Square development, didn't it?---*Yes.*

Did Philip Uy help Wensheng Liu to find the land for the Landmark Square development?---*I believe so.*

And how did that come about, do you know?---*I don't know how it came about.*

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Was Mr Uy's company Gencorp going to be the builder for the Landmark Square development if it went ahead?---*I don't know about that.*

You also know Yuqing Liu?---*I do.*

And you met him in 2016, correct?---*Yes.*

And was he introduced to Wensheng Liu by a mutual friend of theirs? ---*Yes.*

And is it your understanding that they were introduced because they were looking to cooperate on development opportunities in Australia?---*Not initially.*

Well, what do you understand to be the purpose of their introduction initially?---*One time I was playing ping pong with Mr Liu at the club, and Mr Liu was there and Mr Liu Wensheng's friend was, I brought him in. So their common friend introduced them to each other and explained about the situation here.*

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And what did the friend explain about the situation here?---*So he introduced Mr Liu as someone who did real estate development here.*

Introduced Wensheng Liu as someone who does development here, is that right?---*Correct.*

And what did this person say about Yuqing Liu's interest?---*I don't recall anything in particular was said about him, but I think it was said that, if interested, they can meet up again at Mr Liu's office.*

20

You mean at Wensheng Liu's office?---*Correct.*

And ultimately Yuqing Liu and Wensheng Liu signed a cooperation agreement regarding Treacy Street and Landmark Square, is that right? ----*Correct.*

I'll ask you more about that in a moment. Yuqing Liu established a company in Australia, is that right?---*Yes.*

30 Called Xinfeng Australia International Investments?---*Correct.*

That was in 2016?---*Yes.*

And you were a director of that company from 2016 to 2018?---*Correct.*

And on your understanding, Yuqing Liu established that company for the purposes of investing in Treacy Street and Landmark Square, is that right? ---*Yes. I think he wanted to invest in these two projects, and as well he wanted to invest in the waste power project in China.*

All right. Yuqing Liu had a waste-to-energy plant in Tangshan in China, is that right?---*Correct.*

And in 2016 he was looking into establishing a waste-to-energy plant in New South Wales, correct?

THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, the time again?

MS HEGER: In 2016, Yuqing Liu was looking to establishing a waste-toenergy plant in New South Wales?---*He did mention that, yes.*

Right. I'll ask you more about that later as well. As a director of Xinfeng, did you actually do any work for Xinfeng?---*Well, only a little bit, only before their staff came, I had help, I had helped communicating with the accountant but since their staff came over from China, I only played a role to assist.*

All right. But after Wensheng Liu and Yuqing Liu signed the agreement I referred to earlier, you did some work for Yuqing Liu from time to time at Wanghang Liu's request. Correct?

20 Wensheng Liu's request. Correct?---*Yes.*

And that work related to Treacy Street and Landmark Square. Is that right? ---*Yes.*

You mentioned Elaine Tang before. Elaine Tang worked for The One Capital Group. Is that right?---*Yeah, she, she did some work and she also was involved with the project, as well.*

She worked on the Landmark Square planning proposal?---*Yes.*

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And also the 1-5 Treacy Street development?---*I'm not too sure about Treacy Street.*

Okay. And her role in respect of the Landmark Square development included liaising with council about that planning proposal. Correct? ---*Yes.*

And also liaising with the planners, Dickson Rothschild, which One Capital had engaged for the Landmark Square proposal?

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THE INTERPRETER: Dickson, sorry?

MS HEGER: Dickson Rothschild.---*Yes.*

In March 2016, you attended a meeting in Vince Badalati's office at Hurstville City Council with Yuqing Liu, didn't you?---*Yes.*

Were you acting as the translator for Yuqing Liu on that occasion?---*Yes.*

Which means you have reasonably good skills speaking English. Is that right?---*Yes.*

And at that meeting at Mayor Badalati's office, Yuqing Liu explained the sort of work he was doing in China. Is that right?---*Yes.*

He explained he had a waste-to-energy plant in Tangshan?---*Yes.*

He said he was interested in establishing a waste-to-energy plant in New South Wales?---*Yes.*

20 He also mentioned he was interested in property development in Hurstville, didn't he?---*I don't think he has said that.*

Did he mention he was interested in property development at all? ---*I don't think so.*

Did he mention 1-5 Treacy Street?---*I don't think so.*

Well, are you saying you have a clear recollection that he didn't or you're just not sure?---*I can't remember whether he has or not.*

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And did Yuqing Liu ever mention Landmark Square?---*I don't think so.*

Again, you're just not sure or you say he didn't?---*I can't remember.*

On that occasion, Yuqing Liu invited Mr Badalati to dinner in Chinatown, is that right?---*I can't be sure whether it was at that time. Likewise, I can't remember.*

THE COMMISSIONER: Why did this meeting in Mr Badalati's office take
place? Why did it take place?---*That I don't know. I was only told to go to help with a, as an interpreter for him.*

Thank you.

MS HEGER: Who arranged the meeting?---*I don't know.*

Was Wensheng Liu involved in introducing Yuqing Liu to Mayor Badalati?---*I don't know.*

THE COMMISSIONER: In translating, you must have heard what this meeting was about, correct?---*You mean the content of the meeting?*

Correct.---*Yes, I interpreted what I heard at that time at the meeting.*

Well, based upon what you heard, you must know why that meeting took place.---*Yeah.*

Why did it take place?---*Well, just for Mr Yuqing Liu to introduce about his waste plant in China and that he intends to build a similar waste factory in New South Wales or Hurstville.*

20

Thank you.

MS HEGER: Well, Mr Badalati then attended a dinner with Yuqing Liu in Chinatown on 18 March, 2016, didn't he?---*Yes.*

And Wensheng Liu asked you to book the restaurant for that occasion, didn't he?---*No.*

You didn't book the restaurant?---*Not me.*

30

Who did?---*I don't know.*

Right. Can I show you a document. Volume 2.6. Message number 15. It'll come up on-screen. Can we just make that a bit bigger, please? You see row number 15 there?---*I do.*

And that's a message from someone described as X - that's you, isn't it? ---*Yes.*

40 And the message is to someone described as Daliu, D-a-l-i-u. That's Wensheng Liu, isn't it?---*Yes.*

The date is 18 March, 2016, at 1.01pm. That's the date of the dinner, isn't it?---*Yes.*

And the body of the message says, "2/405-411 Sussex Street, Haymarket." That's the address of the restaurant where the dinner was held?---*I believe so.*

And so you're telling Mr Liu the address of the restaurant where the dinner 10 was to be held, correct?---*Yes.*

And where did you get that information from?---*I believe it was from the friend of (not transcribable)*

The friend of who, sorry? And what's that friend's name?---*Gensheng Yu.*

THE INTERPRETER: G-e-n-s-h-e-n-g Y-u. Gensheng Yu.

20 MS HEGER: He also works for Yuqing Liu, doesn't he?---*They're business partners.*

He's an employee of the Xinfeng company in China, isn't he?---*I don't think so.*

Can I show you a photograph at page, at volume 2.26, page 1. That's the room where this dinner was held on 18 March, 2016, correct?---*Yes.*

And you hung that banner on the wall, didn't you?---*Yes.*

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What does the banner say?

THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, I can't read so I'll get him to read it slowly to me. "The signing ceremony between (not transcribable) Xinfeng and The One Capital Group."

MS HEGER: So it referred to the signing ceremony between Yuqing Liu's company Xinfeng and Wensheng Liu's company The One Capital Group, correct?---*Yes.*

40

And Wensheng Liu asked you to hang that banner, didn't he?---*Yes.*

You had the banner made, correct?---*It was made by a friend of Mr Liu, who's in printing.*

Wensheng Liu attended this dinner?---*Yes.*

And did you attend the dinner?---*No.*

And Yuqing Liu obviously attended the dinner, correct?---*Correct.*

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Vince Badalati attended the dinner?---*Yes.*

Who invited Mr Badalati?---*I believe it was Liu Yuqing, Yuqing Liu.*

And what's the basis for that belief?---*That's my, that's my guess only.*

And what's that guess based on? It must be based on something. ---*Because they have met up before that. That was at the office of Badalati, they have met up there.*

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Okay. I'll show you another photograph. It's still in volume 2.26, page 6. That's Wensheng Liu on the left, correct?---*Left of the photo or - - -*

Sitting down on the – left of the photo.---*Yes.*

In the white shirt on the left of the photo, correct?---*Yes.*

You mentioned Gensheng Yu before, is that his head on the left above Wensheng Liu?---*Yes.*

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All right. And on the other side of Wensheng Liu is Yuqing Liu, correct? ---*Yes.*

Next to him is Mr Badalati?---*Yes.*

Next to him is Con Hindi?---*Yes.*

Next to him is his wife, Mireille Hindi?---*Yes.*

40 And the lady with black hair who is standing up taking a photograph, that's Elaine Tang, isn't it?---*Yes.*

Philip Uy attended this dinner as well?---*That I don't know.*

I'll mark 2.26 for identification, MFI 15.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. MFI, sorry?

MS HEGER: 15.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry. Yes, thank you.

#MFI-015 – VOLUME 2.6, PAGE 6

MS HEGER: I'll go back to volume 2.6, message number 18. 18. See message number 18 is a message from Wensheng Liu to yourself. Correct? And that was on 20 March, 2016, which is after the dinner. And he's sending you an image which I'll just ask to be magnified. That'll be at

20 volume 2.8, page 2. Actually, before I go to that, I'll ask you some other questions. Just take that down for a moment, I'm sorry. At the dinner, as you said earlier, Wensheng Liu and Yuqing Liu signed an agreement. Correct?---*Yes.*

And I'll just show you that agreement. It's at Exhibit 127, volume 1.4, page 114. 114. Do you recognise this document?---*Yes.*

That's the agreement that was signed on 18 March, 2016, at the dinner in Chinatown?---*Correct.*

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You drafted this agreement, didn't you?---*Yes.*

And this is the Chinese language version if you can see, if you move to the next page, you can see this is the Chinese language version. You drafted it in Chinese. Correct?---*Yes.*

Right. I'm going to take you to the English version which is at page 109 of the same volume. Please tell me if at any point, you think the English translation is inaccurate. The agreement records it's an agreement between

40 two cooperating parties, first, Yuqing Liu, and, secondly, Wensheng Liu. Correct?---*Yes.* And it refers to Yuqing Liu's company Tangshan Xinfeng Thermoelectric Group, which is the company in China. Correct?---*Yes.*

Then it refers to Wensheng Liu's company The One Capital Group. Yes? ---*Yes.*

And it lists six projects under the heading Cooperative Project?---*Yes.*

10 The first is called the 1 Treacy which is a reference to 1-5 Treacy Street, isn't it?---*Correct.*

And the second is described as Landmark Plaza. That's the Landmark Square development, isn't it?---*Correct.*

Then it refers to four other projects, one of which is Hurstville number 1 parking project. Do you see that? Is that a development at Gloucester Road in Hurstville?---*I don't think so.*

20 What do you understand that development to be, where was it located? ---*This car park should be also on Treacy Street. There would be a, a council car park there.*

All right. And the Hurstville municipal building project that's referred to, what's that?---*I think the council location the, there might be, there would be a reconstruction, or there might be a master plan of that site at that time.*

That was a council office building, is that right?---*Correct.*

30 Under the heading Corporation Intention it says first that party A, that is Yuqing Liu, shall invest \$50 million in the 1 Treacy Street project. Do you see that?---*Yes.*

And it says that Yuqing Liu would obtain 24 per cent of the net profit upon completion of that project, is that right?---*Yes.*

And on the next page, it said the rest of the profit shall belong to party B, which is Wensheng Liu, is that right?---*Yes.*

40 It also says at point 2 that party 1, that is Yuqing Liu, shall invest \$80 million in the Landmark Plaza project.---*Yes.*

And also that Yuqing Liu would obtain 75 per cent of the net profit upon completion of that project with the rest going to Wensheng Liu, correct? ---*Yes.*

Going over to the next page. It provides for a deposit of \$2 million under the heading Time for Funding Arrival. Do you see that?---*Yes.*

It says that Yuqing Liu shall pay \$2 million to the account designated by Wensheng Liu by 31 March, 2016. Do you see that?---*Correct.*

And that deposit was paid by Yuqing Liu to Wensheng Liu, wasn't it? ---*Yes.*

How much money did Yuqing Liu pay Wensheng Liu in total, to your knowledge, on the Landmark Square project?---*The equivalent of about 10 million Australian in renminbi.*

And that includes the 2 million or is that in addition to the 2 million? ---*Inclusive of the 2 million.*

Did Yuqing Liu ultimately pay anything for the Treacy Street project to Wensheng Liu?---*No.*

Under the heading Preparatory Work - - -

THE INTERPRETER: Preparatory Work?

MS HEGER: Yes. If we go to the next page. Point 5 says that party B, that
is Wensheng Liu, will invite the mayor of Hurstville to visit the company of
Wensheng Liu in Tangshan and meet with representatives of the Tangshan
Government. Correct?---*Yes.*

And did Wensheng Liu fulfil that obligation? Did he invite the mayor of Hurstville to visit Yuqing Liu's company in Tangshan?---*The Mayor of Hurstville did go to Tangshan but I'm not sure on whose invitation did he go.*

Well, it's likely it was on Wensheng Liu's invitation, isn't it, given it was
his obligation under this agreement that he signed?---*I don't know. I, I, I
wasn't him, so I can't say.*

All right. Can I go back to, well, first of all, I'll just ask you this question. Who paid for that dinner in Chinatown?---*I don't know.*

Well, you do the accounts for GR Capital or you did at the time for GR Capital and The One Capital Group. Correct?---*So what should I know?*

You did the accounts for GR Capital Group and The One Capital Group at the time. Correct?---*Yes.*

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And did you make any payments out of those accounts for this dinner?---*I don't think so.*

If I go back to volume 2.8, page 2. And you'll recall that Mr Liu sent you this image on 20 March, 2016. I showed you the message before. You remember that?---*Yes.*

And what did you understand Mr Liu expected you to do with that image? And just for the record, this is a list of Hurstville City Councillors, including

20 Mr Badalati, Mr Hindi and others.---*Perhaps to, perhaps he wanted to show me their names and their positions.*

But why, what did you do with those names and positions?---*I can't remember now.*

In April 2016 - - -

THE COMMISSIONER: Can I just - have you finished with the dinner?

30 MS HEGER: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. I want to ask you some questions concerning the dinner on 18 March, 2016. Do you understand that? ----*Yes.*

And I want to remind you about your obligation to tell the truth.---*Yes.*

And if you lie to us you are going to get in to serious, serious trouble. ---*Yes.*

And this investigation has been proceeding for a long time. Do you understand that?---*I understand.*

And if you tell us lies there is a very high risk that we will know. And if you tell us lies and we can demonstrate that you have done so, this Commissioner will have no hesitation in sending the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions. Do you understand that?---*I understand.*

The agreement which was signed at the restaurant concerned very value valuable property developments in Hurstville, didn't it?---*Yes.*

And you knew that if those developments would need, sorry, if those developments were to proceed you would need council approval?---*Yes.*

And you knew that Mr Badalati and Mr Hindi were councillors on Hurstville Council?---*Yes.*

And you were aware, weren't you, that they would likely be involved in the approval process?---*Yes.*

20

Now, I want you to think very carefully before you answer my next question.---*Okay.*

Why were Mr Badalati and Mr Hindi at this dinner?---*I truly do not know why they were there.*

Well, were they there, as you understood it, because they might assist with the approval process?---*My understanding is if we have a good relationship with council then definitely it will be helpful for the project.*

30

And this dinner was part of maintaining that good relationship, was it?---*I believe so."

And if you were able to maintain a very good relationship with these councillors, the purpose of maintaining such a good relationship would be so they were favourably disposed to these developments?---*Yes.*

And that's why they were invited to the meeting, isn't it?---*I believe so.*

40 When I said meeting I should have said dinner.---*Which meeting?*

No, I should have said dinner rather than meeting. Let me go back. The reason why Mr Badalati and Mr Hindi were invited to the dinner, as you understood it, was that if you were able to maintain a good relationship with them, they might vote favourably in relation to these developments?

And when I say vote favourably, what I mean is they might vote to approve these developments.---*Yes.*

10 Thank you.

MS HEGER: The next month in April 2016 you travelled to China, correct?---*Yes.*

And at a ceremony in China on that trip, Yuqing Liu and Wensheng Liu signed the same agreement again, correct?---*Yes.*

They signed that agreement at a ceremony held in a hall at Xinfeng office in Tangshan?---*Yes.*

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Vince Badalati came to China and attended that signing ceremony as well, didn't he?---*Yes.*

And Mr and Mrs Hindi travelled to China and onto Tangshan as well, correct?---*Yes.*

And who invited Mr and Mrs Hindi to China?---*I don't know.*

To your knowledge, was the trip to China discussed at that dinner, did 30 Wensheng Liu tell you anything about that?

THE INTERPRETER: I beg your pardon?

MS HEGER: Did Wensheng Liu tell you that Mr and Mrs Hindi had discussed travelling to China at the dinner?---*No. I wasn't present at the dinner anyway.*

No, I understand. I'm asking what Wensheng Liu told you about what happened at the dinner. Do you understand that?---*He only passed me the document signed and he did not tall me about anything also *

40 document signed and he did not tell me about anything else.*

What about Yuqing Liu, did he tell you that arrangements were made at the dinner to travel to China?---*No. Yuqing Liu, when he was in Australia, he basically wouldn't spend time and stay in the office.*

Can I take you back to volume 2.6? Which I should have marked for identification earlier, as MFI - - -

THE COMMISSIONER: 16.

10 MS HEGER: 16.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

#MFI-016 – VOLUME 2.6, MESSAGE 18

MS HEGER: I should also mark volume 2.8 as MFI 17.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#MFI-017 – VOLUME 2.8

MS HEGER: Volume 2.6, page 4, message number 19. This is a message from Wensheng Liu to yourself on 5 April, 2016, at 12.08pm. You see that?---*Yes.*

30 And it starts, "Mr Yu, 1, please provide the necessary information as soon as possible." Is that an accurate translation?---*Yes.*

Is Mr Yu referring to Gensheng Yu or someone else?---*Yes.*

To Gensheng Yu it's referring to?---*Yes.*

And towards the end, it says, "The Prime Minister's office has indicated support for our cooperation and has invited Mr Yu and the relevant leaders from Tangshan City for dinner." Is that an accurate translation? That's at

40 point number 3 in the message. Would you like me to read it out again? ---*No, thank you. The translation is correct.* And it goes on to say, "The dinner to be held at about the end of April or beginning of May. Please send me the names, officers, titles, ages, nationalities and passports of the personnel attending." Is that an accurate translation?---*Yes.*

And it finishes by saying, "State councillors will do the official invitation on behalf of the Prime Minister when in Tangshan." Is that an accurate translation?---*Yes.*

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Now, was this message intended for you or were you supposed to forward this on to somebody else on your understanding?---*It appears that Wensheng Liu has already sent it to Yu Gensheng, Gensheng Yu.*

To Gensheng Yu. Is that right?---*Yeah.*

And he's sending it to you again. Is that right?---*Yes.*

And why is he sending it to you again? What were you supposed to do with 20 it?---*I can't remember very well.*

And when it says, "The state councillors will do the official invitation on behalf of the Prime Minister when in Tangshan," did you understand that to be a reference to Hurstville City Councillors, that is Vince Badalati and Con Hindi, extending an invitation when they travelled to Tangshan?---*I don't think so because they are not state councillors.*

Well, they might not be state councillors, but they are councillors, aren't they?---*Correct.*

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And could this be a reference to anybody else as far as you're aware?---*I don't think so.*

All right. Well, this is a message from Wensheng Liu. Doesn't it rather suggest to you that it was Wensheng Liu's idea that the councillors come to China?---*No. He sent this to Gensheng Yu. So he might have sent it to me just for my information.*

Yes. But Wensheng Liu has sent a message to Gensheng Yu saying that the
councillors will do the official invitation when they're in Tangshan,
suggesting it's his idea, doesn't it?---*It, it also possible that he became

aware that these councillors would be going to Tangshan and then there would be an official invitation there.*

You mean that somebody else told Wensheng Liu that the councillors were coming along, is that what you're suggesting?---*Yeah.*

And who was that?---*I don't know about that.*

Can you take a look at message 23? This is another message from Wensheng Liu to yourself, correct?---*Yes.*

So 8 April, 2016, which is before the trip to China, correct?---*Yes.*

The body of the text says "Badalati/Vincenzo Pietro Hindi/Constantine and Hindi/Mireille, doesn't it?---*Yes.*

And what did you understand you were supposed to do with that information?---*I think I was supposed to send this information to Yu, Gensheng.*

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Is that Gensheng Yu?---*Yes.*

And why did you understand you were sending that information to him? ---*If they were going to Tangshan, then the Tangshan side definitely needed to know their names.*

THE COMMISSIONER: What about for the purpose of obtaining visas? ---*I don't think so. They could arrange for their own visas. Do you mean visas to China?*

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Yes.---*They would be able to apply for their own visas. Why would they need to get someone else to do it?*

Is this to Philip Uy, is it?

MS HEGER: No, this is a message from Wensheng Liu to Mr Yan.

THE COMMISSIONER: I understood the witness said that he was to refer it onto to someone else.

MS HEGER: Oh, to Gensheng Yu, I'm sorry. Yes. Who works with Yuqing Liu.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MS HEGER: Well, if it was Yuqing Liu's idea to invite these three people to China, surely he'd already have their names, wouldn't he?---*It's hard to say because he does not have good English. Gensheng Yu does not have much English either.*

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Well, I'm going to suggest to you again, this message rather suggests that it was Wensheng Liu who decided to invite them and arranged for it to occur, wasn't it?---*I don't know.*

Can I take you to message 26? Message 26 is a message from yourself to Wensheng Liu, again on 8 April, 2016 and the body of the text is a list of names which includes the designation, namely Wensheng Liu, chairman of the group, also Elaine Tang, customer relationship manager, Xin Yan, which is yourself, assistant to chairman of the group. Do you see that?

It also refers to Vince Badalati, as Mayor of Hurstville City Government, Constantine Hindi as Councillor of Hurstville City Government and Mireille Hindi as Councillor of Kogarah City Government. Do you see that?---*Yes.*

Why were you sending this information to Wensheng Liu?---*I believe I was sending it to Wensheng Liu before I send it to Gensheng Yu.*

30 Why? So that Wensheng Liu could check what was needed?---*Yeah, just for his information.*

And you then sent it on to Gensheng Yu. Is that right?---*Yes.*

And why were you sending it to Gensheng Yu?---*Then their side needed it.*

You mean Yuqing Liu and his staff needed it? Is that right?---*Yes.*

40 And why did you understand they needed it?---*Well, if these people were going to Tangshan, there would definitely be a lot of preparatory works that

they need to do by preparing banners and name cards for these people, for example.*

It refers to Mireille Hindi as a "Councillor of Kogarah City Government" but she wasn't a councillor of Kogarah Council at that time, was she? ---*That's right.*

So where did you get this information from?---*I searched online.*

10 All right. So you put this together through internet searches. Is that right? ---*Correct.*

And you mentioned making some banners. Is that right?---*I was saying that they might need to do those, to make it.*

All right. And you saw banners welcoming Mayor Badalati when you arrived in Tangshan. Is that right?---Yes.

I'll just show you an example. Volume 2.27, page 5. Do you see this 20 banner when you arrived in Tangshan?---*I did.*

And this is at Xinfeng's building in Tangshan. Is that right?---*Correct.*

Right. Can I show you another one at page 17 of the same volume.

THE COMMISSIONER: I'll let you pick a time.

MS HEGER: Yes. I'll just show just one more photograph and then I think we'll conclude, Commissioner. That's another banner. It says, "Welcome

30 Mayor Vince Badalati to Tangshan Xinfeng Thermoelectric Group." Is that right?---*Yes.*

And this is inside the hall at the Xinfeng building in Tangshan. Correct? ---*Correct.*

Commissioner, can I tender volume 2.27, page 5, as Exhibit 175?

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

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#EXH-175 – VOLUME 2.27 PAGE 5

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MS HEGER: And volume 2.27, page 17, as Exhibit 176?

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

#EXHIBIT-176 – VOLUME 2.27 PAGE 17

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MS HEGER: Is that an appropriate time?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, it is. We'll adjourn till 10 o'clock on Monday.

THE WITNESS STOOD DOWN

[4.04pm]

20 AT 4.04PM THE MATTER WAS ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY [4.04pm]