

Okay. You were appointed as the Chair of the subcommittee?---Yes.

And that's said in the first sentence, and then the last sentence is, "The other members of the finance subcommittee included Jack, being Mr Johnson, Cindy Cronan and the accountant who reported to me." Are you - - -?

---Yeah, there was another - - -

Are you saying there were other people as well?---Yeah, there was another two people. Two, yeah, another two Board members

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Now, the first sentence of paragraph 37 says, "The finance subcommittee meeting replaced the discussion I had previously had with Jack." Now, are you now saying that a greater of level detail was provided to the subcommittee than you had previously provided to Mr Johnson when he was the only person that you dealt with on financial reports in advance of Board meetings?---What's your question?

Well, in paragraph 34 you explain what the Board papers were?---Yes.

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And that's – and we discussed this earlier, that's the documents of the kind that are C5 and C6 - - -?---Yes.

- - - these one page summaries. Did the finance subcommittee get more than that?---No. Everybody – all the Board members were emailed all the accounts way prior to the meeting.

Did either Mr Johnson or the finance subcommittee receive underlying documentation that supported the numbers that appeared on for example a profit and loss statement?---No. They, they all got the same information.

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Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Can I just go back to something that you indicated. At some point prior to the formation of the finance subcommittee all of the accounts were simply prepared on the basis of a discussion you had with Mr Johnson. Is that right?---Yes. Yes.

And so that – how long did that arrangement exist before the subcommittee was created?---From day one, from, from day one I was appointed.

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Well, from what, how many - - -

MR FITZPATRICK: Approximately - - -?---From 2011.

- - - March, 2011?---Yeah, yeah.

THE COMMISSIONER: Right.

MR FITZPATRICK: Until mid-2012?---Yeah.

THE COMMISSIONER: So - - -?---So I, sorry. Let me explain that. I prepared the accounts, discussed with, with Mr Johnson if there's any explanation to be done, explained and highlighted and then when I presented the accounts to the Board at that time, directly to the Board and then we had a discussion on line by line item exactly the same thing. Never discussed directly. The reason that I recall this – that I tell you this is the reason the subcommittee was formed is that the, the Gandangara Board meetings were dragged on too long. They couldn't do any other businesses because the finance were taking too long because there was multiple companies and it was discussed – each company had its finances so they were discussing each line item so it was taking three, four hours for the meetings. It was, it was too long so all those things were done at the subcommittee level and any questions or whatever was asked and prepared answers for that and that was presented to the Board, were the same finances but with more explanation if they were asked.

MR FITZPATRICK: Mr Gundar, talk a little bit more about how perhaps the number for travel and accommodation would have found its way into this profit and loss statement?---Yes.

Paragraph 68 of your affidavit, and this is because of the fact that it's an affidavit in the proceedings against Mr Johnson focusses on his reimbursements?---Yes.

But I take it the process for his reimbursements was the same as anybody else's?---Yes.

Okay. So beginning the second sentence he would collect receipts and invoices for expenses that had been charged. He would provide them to a finance officer under your supervision. Is that right?---Yes.

The data would be input into a spreadsheet and then MYOB?---Yes.

And then the Excel spreadsheet will be printed and stamped with an approved for payment stamp?---Ah hmm.

And you'd sign a transfer authority for the payment?---Correct, yes.

Okay. At what point in that process does someone check whether or not the, the claims are valid?---My – initially checked by my accountant who was working with me.

THE COMMISSIONER: No, no, no. No, no. Again, I think you're misconstruing the question. Mr Johnson simply handed a bundle of receipts to you?---Yes.

Right?---No, not to me, to my - - -

Well, wherever he handed - - -?---Yeah.

Wherever he handed them?---Yes.

At what point did someone look at those receipts and determine whether those expenses were legitimately incurred as part of his CEO duties?---My accountant looked at it straightaway.

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Sorry?---My accountant, my, my – the accountant who was working with me he will look at it first. He was the one preparing it.

Yes, but what did the accountant do when he said – when you say he looked at it what did he do?---Oh, he rejected it if they were not, you know, he had no receipts for it.

No, I'm not talking about whether there were no receipts. Even assuming that there were receipts - - -?---Yes.

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- - - at what point did someone check to see if the receipt was an expenses that was legitimately incurred and not something that Mr Johnson was doing in a private capacity, that's what I'm asking?---Right. So he – my accountant looked at it and I looked at it at the same time before I approved any payment.

And what did you do by way of looking at the receipt that reassured you that they were legitimate expenses?---Basically the history of, of, of the receipts. You can, you can work it out they were legit receipts.

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Well - - -?---And related to his expenses.

So let me give you an example. Do I take it that if he provided you with a receipt for travel expenses to Moree - - -?---Yes.

- - - you were able to see by reference to his diary or the Minutes of the Board Meeting that he had been approved to travel to Moree as CEO to attend a meeting of Land Councils. Is that the kind of process that was undertaken?---No. He was attending a meeting of Gandangara Management Services when Gandangara Management Services were engaged with – at that time with the other Land Councils to provide land development services or any accounting services. So those were the meetings he was attending. He - - -

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Well so - - -?---And separately - - -

So insofar as the expenses indicated that he was travelling for example to Moree, just as an example?---Yes.