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equipment, buying entertainment, holidays. So have you ever offered any benefit to Phillip Cresnar?---Did I ever offer a benefit to Phillip Cresnar?

Yes?---No, I didn't.

So do you understand my – we'll go through it individually. Have you ever paid Phillip Cresnar money?---Yes.

And what was that?---That was - he got me um, an RMS contract for TGB

Civil, he got me, what else did he do for me, he got that, um, what was it, an

(not transcribable) got me a contract for RMS.

What's RMS?---What is RMS? Roads - - -

Roads and Maritime Services?---To cost, to cost the roads.

Yes. When was that?---I don't know that, um, I don't know.

Roughly?---I don't know that, I don't know I promise.

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Well you said - - -

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Was it before you were with Murray Civil?---Oh no, it was when I was with Murray.

It was when you were still - - -?--Yes, yeah.

So it's within the last few years at least?---Yeah, yeah.

MS MAHER: What did you pay him?---What did I pay him, I got him, what I did I pay him, oh I got him a, um, some kind of a cabinet unit or something.

And what was the value of that?---I don't know that, I honestly don't know, I'm - - -

Well was it \$50?---No, I - - -

\$5000, was it \$100,000?---No, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know.

20,000, I don't know, just, I don't know.

I beg your pardon?---20,000, I don't know.

20,000?---I don't know.

You think it was about 20,000?---Roughly, yes.

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So you understand that that is a corrupt payment?---It's for, it's from my other business TGB Civil, he always, he does everything for me, he, he's, he looks for work for me for my TGB Civil business.

And how did you know that he wanted a cabinet?---I don't know, I don't know.

Well there must have been some discussion, you don't just up and go - - -?--Yes, yes, I know, yeah.

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--- hey Phil, I've got a cabinet for you?---No, no, I know that, I know that. I don't know.

Well give us an explanation please?---Um, I suppose, I suppose he just, I don't know, I just said what, what you, I don't know, I don't know what I said, I can't, I can't recall to be honest.

Do you remember if you organised it in advance, did you say look if you get that contract for me I'll get something for you?---No, it's not just, it was not just that RMS contract he does, he buys, he does, he does a lot for me in TGB Civil.

Tell me what?---Oh, like he found - - -

I'm sorry?---He, um, what did he do? Um, like he, he does, how, I can't, like what's he do um, he went, we priced a, a Telstra job for TGB Civil he helped me do that. Um, what else did he do? I don't know, he just, he just -

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Well he helps you get work for your company, is that what you're saying?---For TGB Civil, yes.

Yeah?---Just, just, just to keep TGB Civil going.

MS MAHER: So are you saying that in exchange for goods he gets you work for TGB?---Well he, he like I, I, what can I say I'd say hey look at this, can you see what price this, like we'd sit down and have a look at it, he'd um, he, he'd do his best for me.

40 So did you ask him for confidential information so that you could do these quotes?---RS, no, no, no.

Did he provided you with confidential information?---No, no, no, no.

Then what was the help?---Oh it's to, see, it's different again like RMS, RMS is um, my TGB, TGB Civil work is (not transcribable) and that's it but they were, there was, there was cracks in the RMS roads and we (not