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So do you want to tell us again what you discussed at that meeting? You might remember a few more details now?---I - - -

I mean you've told us about the cabinet. Did you talk to Mr Cresnar about the cabinet and say well, mate, I got you that cabinet, I'm going to have to tell them I got you that cabinet. Did you have that discussion?---I thought - its, it's, there was - like I don't know, yeah, yeah, I suppose, I don't know, yeah, I suppose I did, yeah, I don't know.

10 Well, tell me how it went?---Sorry?

Tell me how it went, how the conversation went?---What's this about, what's, where is this, I don't know, what's, what's, what's, what's all this about and that's being honest, I don't know what - - -

That's not enough to drink your first beer?---Huh?

That's not enough of a conversation to drink your first beer?---I don't know. I don't know.

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Well, tell us about the rest of the conversation?---Why, why - I don't know, what, I don't know, what, I can't think what, like what's, what's, why, why am I getting called in like. I don't know, I don't know. I honestly don't know, I don't know and that's being honest.

Well, it's not being honest - - -?---It is being honest, I, I - - -

- - - Mr Twomey, is it?---It's, myself, myself and Phil are friends for the last seven years.

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It's not being honest, is it, Mr - - -?---It is, it is being honest, we - we're friends, that's - he's like a brother to me, I'm like a brother to him and I'm, I don't know.

So I'll just remind you once more that it's a serious offence - - -?---I know, I'm, I'm not telling a lie.

Just let me finish because I need to make sure you understand this?---I know, I know.

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Lying to the Commission - - -?---But I'm not lying.

- - - carries a penalty of five years' imprisonment?---I'm not lying, I'm not lying.

Now after you leave here if you'd like to look up on the ICAC website or get some, your wife or someone to help you, just look on the ICAC website

and you will see the penalties for people in the past who have lied to the Commission?---I know, yeah.

And they include many, many gaol terms?---I'm not lying, I'm not lying.

So conscious of that, you understand that?---Yes, I do, I do.

I'll ask you again did you speak with Mr Cresnar today?---Not today, not, not today.

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Yesterday?---I can't recall, I can't recall. I can't recall, I - - -

About yesterday?---I can't recall, I can't, I can't.

Did you send or receive a text from Mr Cresnar or to Mr Cresnar today?  
---No, no.

No?---I don't think so, I don't think so.

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When you joined Murray Civil Works were they already getting Ausgrid work, so three years ago when you joined Murray Civil were they getting Ausgrid work or did the Ausgrid work start when you went there?---Well, um, ASP is kind of, well (not transcribable) um, um, can you ask me that question again please.

When you joined Murray Civil Works three years ago - - -?---Yes.

- - - did they already have Ausgrid work?---No, no.

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So the Ausgrid work with Murray Civil Works started after you joined, is that correct?---After I joined was it? Ah, when I joined Murray Civil, this, this is, this, this what happened in Murray was myself and Val got together, he was ASP, I, I was, I was a sole contractor, the Ausgrid tender came out on public and I said to Val are we going for it and that's, that's my words.

So Val hadn't being doing Ausgrid work but you got together and you tendered for Ausgrid work?---Yes.

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So you tried to be part of the - that's when you became part of the standing order deed?---That's - how do you mean that standard - yeah.

Yeah. You got onto the panel, let's call it the panel?---Yes, yes, yes, yes.

That's probably better?---Yeah, yeah.

So being on the panel means that you get jobs under the standing order deed?---Yes.