

TARLOPUB00630
11/05/2017

TARLO
pp 00630-00663

PUBLIC
HEARING

COPYRIGHT

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

THE HONOURABLE REGINALD BLANCH AM QC

PUBLIC HEARING

OPERATION TARLO

Reference: Operation E15/1982

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

AT SYDNEY

ON THURSDAY 11 MAY, 2017

AT 2.00PM

Any person who publishes any part of this transcript in any way and to any person contrary to a Commission direction against publication commits an offence against section 112(2) of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.

This transcript has been prepared in accordance with conventions used in the Supreme Court.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are you ready to start, Mr Rajalingam?

MR RAJALINGAM: Yes, thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: You're still on the same affirmation, Ms Sharobeem.

<EMAN SHAROBEEM, on former affirmation

[2.07pm]

10

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

MR RAJALINGAM: Ms Sharobeem, your lawyer has indicated to me that you would wish to say something about these expenses. What is it that you want to say?---I just want to mention that before the break I really lost it. It's very overwhelming to be in a such a position with all these accusations from nowhere, so I just used my time to calm down by different means and also I wrote down some of what my memory really triggered of the gifts in relation to the expenses. I was overwhelmed with the number of papers, sir, you have to show me, one after the other one after the other, it was really overwhelming. And maybe that's your way, I can't really interfere in that, but my mind really went to blank and into, into something else. But when I sat out there I just can recall, and I wrote it down so I wouldn't forget again with my short memory now, that some of the gifts mentioned here, and I recall that two gifts went to Minister Goward for in different occasions and they were close to each other because we had two events, and I recall that one gift was bigger in the amount than the other, so that's why I asked Andrew to put it on like an account and I would pay him bit by bit from the organisation directly. I also remember that we got a present for Minister Cash when she came also and spoke at our event, the same one, and for Mayor Carbone, if I may recall as well to my best collection [sic] I'm doing that, Minister Marise Payne as well when she came and spoke at our event. I also remember that Senator Concetta, when she came and spoke, I remember also Mr, Mr Guy Ganzari, our local member, that I went to him with end of the year present as well, I can't recall what was it but I recall that I went there. It's quite hard to remember which is which, but I also remember the one important element which I quickly wrote it down as well, that during my deal with Andrew, because he was giving me discounts and I was actually asking for discounts, I also bought, could be two or three pieces where I left it in the cupboard behind me and I'm sure they were in the cupboard behind me in the middle section in particular and I thought that's a good purchase for the coming event, so at least I don't need to spend from any extra money because it was very good sale value, and I remember leaving them in the middle section, precisely I left there a bracelet and two pearl necklace sets, could be not pure pearls but they were sets altogether

20

30

40

and they were in very nice boxes, and that's in the middle section in the cupboard behind me. I also bought from him specifically three pieces for the jewellery group and each one would be in the 300 range or maybe a bit less, they were more than that, but they would be precious stones and we could actually de-assemble it and put it in different other jewellery pieces. That's what I really wanted to make clear at that point to my best collection [sic] of my mind.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

10

MR RAJALINGAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

Ms Sharobeem, is it your evidence then that the facilitator payments that I took you to earlier, transfers to Mr Toma, were in part payment of gifts for these politicians?---Yes.

And I think I took you to one, two, three, four, five, six - - -?---And, sorry, I also bought gifts for the management committee for the end of the year gift.

20 But just - - -?---Sorry, I'm just – sorry.

Sorry, but the facilitator, Andrea Toma - - -?---Andrew.

But the transfers with – I understand what you say about that?---Yeah, yeah, sorry.

The transfers with respect to Andrea Toma - - -?---Mmm.

30 - - - do you say were in relation to a part payment of gifts for politicians?
---This amount, yes.

So I showed you 14 transfers?---And, and also the three gifts I got, the three purchase I got for the jewellery group I just mentioned and also the end of year gifts for the management.

And so that covers the entire 14, the 14 payments to Mr Andrea Toma, as he's referred to in this brief?---As far as my recollection, yes.

40 THE COMMISSIONER: How much did that come to, 12,000?
MR RAJALINGAM: 500.

THE COMMISSIONER: 500?---500. Can I just quickly check them again? I just want to make sure that there is nothing personal there.

MR RAJALINGAM: All right?---Can I? If you don't mind, I'm not sure if that's okay.

THE COMMISSIONER: What do you mean, check them again?---Can I see them again?

MR RAJALINGAM: Which ones are you talking about?---Those ones you showed me - - -

The transfer documents?---The transfer documents.

It's a matter for the Commission.

10

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, well, we can go through them again.

THE WITNESS: Just quickly, roughly, I just want to make - - -

MR RAJALINGAM: It's page, volume 8 - - -?--- - - - very sure.

- - - page 292.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have you got volume 8 there?---Do I have it?

20

MR RAJALINGAM: Volume 8 it is, page 292?---Maybe this one. Sorry, sorry about that. I'm so sorry, I just want to make sure.

Have you got page 292 open?

THE COMMISSIONER: No, she's still getting the volume.

MR RAJALINGAM: It's on the screen as well?---Sorry, 600, yes?

30

292, page 292 of volume 8?---600, yes.

Page 293 is 900?---Yes.

Page 294 is 900?---Yeah.

295 is 1,350?---Yeah.

296 is 900?---Yeah.

40

297 is 950, 287 is 450?---Yeah.

299 is 950, 300 is 1,450?---Yeah.

301 is 1,450?---Ah - - -

Go back?---900.

No, no, go back. 1,450 is 301, do you understand that one?---Yeah.

Next?---Yeah.

302 is 900?---Yeah.

303 is 900?---Yeah.

304 is 900?---Yeah.

10 305 is 950?---Yeah.

That's it.

THE COMMISSIONER: You will notice a lot of those are in April and May.---In May.

April and May.---April and May.

So – I think that's the air-conditioning.

20

MR RAJALINGAM: Are you satisfied with that, Ms Sharobeem, having had a chance to look at that?---Yes.

And it's your evidence for the sake of clarity that - - -?---Yes, to, to my recollection, yes. To my recollection because - - -

Wait, hold on. They were part payment - - -?---Yeah.

30 - - - for gifts for other people. Is that what you're saying?---As far as I know. The only thing it's – it has a doubt in my mind is the 1,450 because I recall buy a personal item of that amount. That's the only number in doubt which I just want to make sure that I didn't pay anything personal among all those.

Okay.---So the 1,450 is the only thing I am in doubt of.

Can I take you to page 318 of volume 8 and I want you to keep the transfers open at page 292 in hard copy.---292?

40 292. Go to 297 actually. Have you got 297 open?---Yeah.

On 30 April, which is the date of that transfer, did you text Mr Toma and say you've paid 950?---Yeah.

Turn the page to page 298. On 4 May did you text Mr Toma that you'd paid him 450?---Yes.

Turn the page. On 8 May did you text Mr Toma and say you've paid 950?

---Sorry?

Did you say you've paid on 8 May \$950?---Yes.

On 21 May you say to him that you paid 1,450 and is that what is on the transfer for that date?---I am in doubt of this number if it's personal.

So you think it might be personal?---And paid by mistake. Sorry?

10 You think it might be personal?---I'm just in doubt in my mind and it's been by mistake. I'm not sure. Maybe there is something to respond to that in the, in the - - -

I'll take you to text number 16. Do you send the following text to Mr Toma the jeweller - - -?---Yeah.

- - - "Don't forget Richard ring please. I don't want him to get the ring from anywhere else".---Yes.

20 Did you say that to him?---Yeah, yeah, yeah. I encouraged Richard, yeah.

Did you say to him on 21 May that he, namely your son, wanted to propose in August?---Yeah.

Did the jeweller then respond to you saying, "I know. Plenty time"?---Yes.

Did he say that, did he say that because he was making a ring for Richard? ---Yes.

30 And he was - - -?---No, he, he actually was trying to get the diamond itself.

Sorry?---He was trying to get him a diamond himself and he was very slow.

Mr Toma was making a ring for Richard wasn't he?---Yeah.

Okay. Number 12 do you say to him after that text, "Hi, Andrew. Just paid 1,450 in your account." You say that to him seven days after you have a discussion with him about Richard's engagement ring.---That could be it and could be – I could be right in that. I could be right.

40

Do you say to him on 2 June, and I'll ask you to turn to page 302. Do you agree that you say to him on 2 June that you've paid \$900 and the transfer reflects that on page 302?---Which number again?

Page 302 and text 10.---No, the 900 is, is work related. It's – sorry, what's the question?

Do you see that you've texted Mr Toma that you've transferred \$900 to him and that there is also a transfer on that same day for the same amount, it makes sense doesn't it?---No, come again with the question, sorry.

You've texted - - -?---Yeah.

- - - Mr Toma you paid him \$900 on 2 June. Correct?---On 2 June. I'm just checking.

10 So have a look at that. Text 10.---Text 10. "Just paid 900. The left is 150." No, no. I, that's, this is not any payment for the ring yet. It's just clear.

What do you mean "just clear"?---I didn't do any payment for the ring from that. It is just written even here that I will do payment in advance. It doesn't mean that I did payment in advance.

All right. Go to page 303 of the transfers. I'll take you to text 8. Do you say to Mr Toma, "I paid 900 now, which will leave 750 advanced payment for the ring"?---Yeah. It doesn't mean that this is Richard's ring.

20

All right.---We didn't even at that time get the stone.

Do you agree that at page 303 there is a transfer to his account of \$900? ---When? Which one?

Page 303, text 8.---Yes. Yes.

30 Go to page 305. Do you agree that you say to Mr Toma on 16 June, 2015 that you paid him 950 and the total in advance now is 1,700? Do you say that to him in the text?---Which one again should I look at?

You're looking at text 6 and you're looking at page 305 in the transfer documents.---The text is I just paid 950 so the total in advance is now 1,700. Yeah, that doesn't mean it's about the ring. Richard pay for the ring and he have all the receipts.

I'll take you now to volume 14, page 197.---I don't know which, which page. Okay.

40 Ms Sharobeem, Mr Toma came to this Commission and gave evidence. Do you remember that?---I was here, I believe, yeah.

Were you listening to what he was saying?---Not every word.

Well, he said to this Commission that he had no idea what the Immigrant Women's Health Service was until he was told because of this matter, when investigators contacted him.---Sir - - -

What do you say about that, first of all?---Yeah. His sister, actually, is a client of the organisation and she regularly attended the Assyrian women's group.

Well, he said nothing of that kind and he didn't know you were working at the Immigrant Women's Health Service, Ms Sharobeem. What do you say about that?---Well, I can only say one thing. He's mistaken.

10 Ms Sharobeem, I want you to now - - -?---I can't say even he's lying.

I understand your evidence that he's mistaken. I'm going to show you volume 4, page 197.---Yeah.

Statement volume - - -?---By the way, Andrew Toma always had my credit card and when I was first introduced to him, he said to me - - -

20 Well, look, I haven't asked you a question. We'll just wait for the document.---I'm sorry, but you asked me a question. I didn't answer fully. I was just completing my answer. You were talking to me about his - - -

All right. Don't put that up. You just finish your answer, then.---Sorry.

30 You finish your answer. I'm sorry.---That's all right. You were talking to me about Andrew and his recollection of the organisation. Andrew, when I went to him by accident, just walking in the street, he said to me, "I saw your picture in the paper, and I was introduced to you by the commander of the police, Peter Lennon." So and he always had my business card, and he's the one referred his sister to the organisation. And I would believe anyone would sit in this chair would feel overwhelmed. I recall Neth, the bookkeeper, every second word I recall from her statements, which I forgot, is "Dr Eman Sharobeem". That's fear, sir. When people under fear, they say whatever they want.

THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Well, you're moving off the point now, I think.---Sorry.

Yes.

40 MR RAJALINGAM: I'm going to show you volume 4 of the allegation brief, page 197. And I want you to look at that document, first of all. Mr Toma gave evidence that that was an order form that he created for your son's engagement ring. Do you see that?---Yeah, I did. I didn't actually see this before at all.

Well, you just gave evidence that these payments related to gifts for politicians and projects that you were conducting with respect to jewellery in relation to the service. Wasn't that the import of your evidence?---Yeah, and I just doubted one transaction.

You, these - - -?---And I might be right about it.

These transactions, or some of them at least, were being used to pay off your son's engagement ring, weren't they?---No.

Well, have a look at this order form, Ms Sharobeem. Do you see there on the right-hand side the date 16 June? Do you see that?---Yeah, I can see that.

10

Can I now take you back to volume 8. And you also see the \$1,700 notation there next to 16 June?---Yes. Paid.

Do you – no, no, no. Yes, \$1,700 paid.---Yes.

But next to the 950 is written “paid trans 16 June”. Doesn't that suggest to you that there was a transfer on 16 June in the amount of 950?---The suggestion itself doesn't respond to the truth. This is not part of the payment I made to Andrew Toma.

20

The total of 950 and 750 - - -?---I didn't even see this before.

- - - comes to 1,700, doesn't it?---Yes, it does.

And that is the figure you're referring to in your text message at volume 8, 318. Total in advance now is 1,700. Isn't it?---Well, sir, I am sure and certain that I didn't pay anything for Richard. He have all the receipts. And maybe when you ask him, he can give you all the receipts. I know for sure that I didn't pay for it. I only directed him to go to a jeweller, which at that time I trusted. Or, to be honest, the only one I knew in the area.

30

Ms Sharobeem, the suggestion is that between 2010 and 2015, you submitted for reimbursement receipts from Eternity Jewellers totalling \$26,945 over five years. What do you say about that?---Eternity Jeweller?

Eternity Jewellers. \$26,945 was spent by you and you were reimbursed for that amount from IWHS. What do you say about that?---Sir, I didn't deal with Eternity Jeweller except for two occasions only during the last year. I didn't know of them.

40

Ms Sharobeem, the other suggestion is that between 2010 and 2015, you spent at least \$14,580 at Andrew's Designer Jewellers and sought reimbursement from IWHS.---No, sir. I didn't even know about that shop before I started to go there maybe in 2014.

In addition - - -?---And I actually told you about that.

In addition you paid him through direct transfers from the IWHS account, didn't you?---When the amount was escalating because of the number of things we bought from him, I ask him to put it in tab. And that's why I was confirming the amount, so he wouldn't fool us.

Nothing, nothing you purchased from Andrew's Designer Jewellers was for the service, was it?---Everything I mentioned was for the service.

He didn't know about the service, did he?---Yes, he did.

10

I'm going to take you now to some other receipts. Volume 3, page 3. Can I take you to page 5? Do you see there a receipt from the Lily Room cosmetics shop?---That's my personal receipts. And why it's here again?

How do you know which one is the Lily Room's cosmetic receipt?---You just say Lily Room even before seeing it.

Well, which one is it?---I don't know. But just you said Lily Room and straightaway my reaction is my personal.

20

Well, it's on the top right-hand corner.---We didn't get anything from Lily Room to the organisation.

Yeah, everything from Lily Room was personal, wasn't it?---What is it? What is it, sorry?

Everything that was purchased at Lily Room Cosmetics was personal, wasn't it?---Yes.

30 Between 2010 and 2015, you submitted \$11,000 worth of receipts to the IWHS for reimbursement, didn't you?---Impossible.

From the Lily Room cosmetics shop.---Impossible. Lily Room is a place where I used to go to do some corrections of my skin.

I'll just take you to volume 5, page 83?---And what, 2010? No, impossible, I didn't have the problem in 2010 to my recollection.

40 I'll take you to volume 5, page 83. Do you see that?---That's personal.

That's a purchase – it's an invoice, isn't it?---What do you mean it's an invoice, it's - - -

It's an invoice from Lily Room Cosmetic Medical, isn't it?---Yes.

And it's an invoice for Botox in the amount of \$975?---It's personal.

But is that right, is that an invoice for Botox for \$975?---I didn't even read it. It's an invoice of, yes, for yes, that's personal.

And it shows there that the credit card transaction was on 4 July, 2014, doesn't it?---Yes.

Now we'll go back to volume 3, page 5, and you'll agree that the receipt there is 4 July. Do you agree with that?---The receipt is what, 4 July? And the receipt is cut from the top.

10

Yes, it is. You cut it, didn't you?---No, never.

You cut it because you didn't want anyone to know that you were submitting receipts for Botox, did you?---Sir, again and again, never and never I cut any receipts and never and never – you just said Lily Room and I said it's mine and when you say accusation like that you're simply accusing me of something I didn't do.

20

I'll take you to volume 3, page 106. You seem to have made a lot of mistakes, Ms Sharobeem, a lot of mistakes?---If you are busy out of the office and you're leaving the office for other people to deal with it and you're not involving in the finance of the organisation mistakes like that happens and if you look at it again it's the years which I was dramatically involved in raising the profile of the organisation.

THE COMMISSIONER: How much salary were you earning at the organisation?---My salary was in the 80,000 range, never been increased since I was there.

30

So it was only about \$80,000?---Yes. I believe so it was, we did the indexation every year. To be quite honest, sir, and this is the actual truth, I don't know exactly how much was it, but it was in the 80 range.

Thank you.

MR RAJALINGAM: I'll take you to page 109 of this which - - -?---I never even looked at my payroll.

40

Ms Sharobeem, that's a transfer, I've shown that to you before, 10 February, 2015 to your account for an amount of \$3,192,43, isn't it?---You're showing me this, I can see it.

Yeah, I'm showing that to you?---Mmm.

And I'll take you to page 109. So there's another receipt from Lily Room Cosmetics for the same amount - - -?---Exactly.

- - - being submitted by you, correct, for reimbursement?---No, not correct, not correct, never correct, never correct, sir, and, okay, for any - - -

I'm listening?---Maybe – I know you're listening but I just would like to phrase it without being emotional about it and I'd like to be, be precise. Usually I'm a speaker of the truth so please give me a second to just free my thoughts properly. Now, if I am a bookkeeper in an organisation which is for women underprivileged and I find the receipt not cut, I find the receipt where it has on the top Lily Room Cosmetic, why would I pay it? I would
10 go back to the person submit it, I would say, what is this for? So, sir, I never submitted this to be paid and I never cut anything and I appreciate you're doing your job but I didn't do that.

I'm going to take you to volume 5, page 84. I took you to an invoice where you purchased Botox in the middle of the year. That was the last one for 975. I'm going to take you to another invoice where you purchased Botox at the end of that same year. Okay. I'll ask you to look at it, page 5?
---Okay.

20 Volume 5, page 83. Do you agree?

THE COMMISSIONER: 83 or 4?

MR RAJALINGAM: 83, sorry.

THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you.

MR RAJALINGAM: I've said - - -?---It is my personal - - -

30 84, 84,---Yeah.

Ms Sharobeem, you agree the transaction here is recorded on the invoice as having been conducted on 4 November, 2014 at the bottom of the page, the bottom of the page, credit card payment received 4 November, 2014 by you. Correct?---Yes. It's my personal expenditure with my personal credit card. Why it's reimbursed to me? And I'm trying hard to control myself.

I'll take you to volume 3, page 156. That's a transfer on 11 May for \$5,000 to your account isn't it?---Yes.

40 On 11 May, 2015. Is that right?---Yes.

I'll take you to page 162. Do you see a Lily Room Cosmetic receipt there?
---And my hair receipt.

Yeah. Well, that's true. There are two.---Yes. This is all personal. This is what I'm trying to say. Why a bookkeeper, why a person like me would

submit with my full conscious after being there for more than 12 years my hair and Botox to be paid by my own bookkeeper and I say go and pay it.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, it has happened.---No, I didn't submit it.

It has happened I have said.---Yes, you're right.

So we're trying to get to the bottom of why - - -.---Sure.

10 - - - and how it happened.---Sure. I'm, I'm all right. I'm just – I'm thinking loud.

MR RAJALINGAM: I'll take you to volume 5, page 85. So you note that that's a receipt for 780 – sorry, hold on. I think it's on 11 May, 2015. I could be wrong. In any event, I'll take you – I accept that you can't see the date very well on this receipt but you see the figure of 780?---Yes.

20 I'll take you to volume 5, page 85.---I don't know what was written on the top anyway. There is something about health. That's not my handwriting.

Well, it's clearly not a receipt relating to the service is it?---There is handwriting there. I don't know who is that handwriting.

But you know that purchases from Lily Room Cosmetics had nothing to do with Immigrant Women's Health Service?---I am the one said that to you not what - - -

30 Yeah.---Not you telling me. I am telling you as soon as you said Lily Room.

So you agree with that?---No, I don't agree with you. I am the one said it.

All right. Well, do you accept that – I'm going to show you an invoice - - - ?---Maybe I don't know the language of the court but this is just new to me.

Volume 5, page 85. Do you see that that's a transaction for \$780?---That's personal and made by my personal credit card.

40 Botox and it says the transaction was on 10 April, 2015.---Personal, made by personal.

But would agree that a receipt was submitted to the Immigrant Women's Health Service?---Disagree fully.

I'm going to take you now to a different topic. Firstly just go to volume 3, page 182. On the screen, Ms Sharobeem. I won't ask you to turn to these pages. 182, volume 3. Do you see there there's a transfer for 26 June, 2015 at 7.12pm?---I can see that.

And it's for \$1,900?---I can see that.

Next page. Another transfer at the same time for \$5,000. Do you agree with that?---I can see that.

That makes a total of 6,900 in one transfer, Ms Sharobeem. Would you agree with that?---That's your calculation.

10 Well, can you add them?---No, I'm not.

Well, go back a page. 1,900 plus 5,000. Do you need a piece of paper?---I do have one.

Well, do you agree that 6,900 is the total?---Calculation.

Is that right?---You calculate it.

20 Do you agree that both of these transfers are being made outside work hours?---No. I disagree.

You agree that it's being made at 7.12pm?---I disagree.

You disagree with that?---Of course. Because you said it's work hours, and we don't have work hours. We work around the clock. My phone and service was open 24 hours.

30 Let me put it a different way, then. Do you see the time on this transfer to be 7.12pm?---7.12pm is written.

Pardon me?---7.12 is written.

Both of those transfer documents were initialled by you, weren't they?---No. The initial there? Yes.

40 Page 184. Have you seen that document, Ms Sharobeem?---I saw it for the first time when it was presented by the auditors to the management committee, and they brought it back to me in the office and said, "Have you seen this before?" and I said, "No, that is a fake invoice." And straightaway I was admitted to see a psychologist after that, because it was the beginning of seeing the framing.

Well, the invoice describes the purchase of 12 chairs. 12 chairs. Do you agree? That's what the invoice says.---That's a wrong invoice.

That document that you're looking at?---That document written down in it 12 chairs.

With, is it blue cover with treated back cushions? Is that what it says?
---That's right. That's written.

All right. 2 September, 2015. Do you recall receiving an email from Mr Boyd about these 12 chairs?---I was overseas and I received it and I responded.

Where were you overseas?---I was in Jerusalem.

10 I'm going to show you the emails. Volume 4, page 96. The bottom email is the one you received from Mr Boyd about the chairs and also a cheque made out to Peter Warren. Do you remember that email?---Who is Stephen Thomas?

Stephen Thomas is the investigator sitting to my right-hand side.---Thank you. What you want me to look where?

The email at the bottom - - -?---Yes.

20 - - - is an email from Mr Boyd, isn't it?---Yes.

And it's about a Mercedes car - - -?---Yes.

- - - purchased for \$18,000 - - -?---Yes.

- - - using an IWHS cheque, and also 12 chairs that were purchased. Would you agree with that?---Let me read the email. Sir, there is something very strange about this email. I remember and recall that our correspondence with Boyd was about the chairs. But the car - - -

30 I'm only asking you about the chairs at the moment?---Well, that's something – this email has been played with. This email, I didn't receive it like that.

So you say the email is a forgery?---Well, sir, Boyd alerted me about the car and the cheque before I travelled and I already paid it on the spot as soon as he told me the cheque of 18,000 what it was for and I said that's my personal, why it was deposited from the organisation, and immediately I paid and I have proof of what I'm saying.

40 Your response to Mr - - -?---This is – I am a bit confused about.

Do you agree that your response to Mr Boyd at the top of that email later that day – he emails you in the morning, you email him in the evening, correct?---Sorry, I'm sorry, I'm going to withdraw what I said, this is 2 September, I saw it as 20, sorry, I'm sorry. Yes, we talked about that and I paid the 18,000 on the spot, that's what I'm referring to, sorry.

And you see - - -?---I will look again to the dates.

You see your response in relation to the chairs, the last paragraph?

---Let me read it again. Yes, yes.

You read that?---Yes, yes, that's the truth, yes, yes. Let me read last part.
Yes, yes, that's the truth.

10 Are you aware that Mr Boyd also emailed Ms Ghaly who was working at
NESH - - -?---That's when I was overseas, that's, yeah.

- - - in Guildford, asking whether the chairs had been delivered?

---That's when I was overseas, that's the correction of chain of emails.

On 3 September, is that, sorry, 2 September, that's the email, and I'm
showing this to you, Ms Sharobeem, that Mr Boyd sends to Ms Ghaly?
---Yeah.

20 We'll go back a page to 102. Do you see Ms El-Baf's email - - -?---Yes.

- - - on 9 September about this very issue?---Yes.

She says in that email doesn't she, that she's looked around and had not
been able to find the chairs?---Yes.

You say, don't you, top email – why is that blacked out?---Yes.

30 Do you accept that that's an email you wrote? It's been redacted on the - - -
?---Yeah, yeah, I know.

You wrote that?---I know my words and I said I wished Nevine included me
because at that time it was clear that she's not including me.

You're suggesting in that email that chairs were in the second meeting room
- - -?---Yes.

40 - - - behind other stacked chairs?---Yes, they were delivered and they were
there. She ordered them using the credit card. She didn't have a credit card
for NESH and she specifically wanted those chairs equal to ours and I said
go and get them, and I believe she asked somebody to pick them up. I was
overseas but I know that they were picked up.

Where were you when you wrote that email on 10 September?---I was
overseas, either in Jerusalem or maybe transitting to come back to Australia.
I, I was overseas at that time. I didn't have a break at that time, I was
working with them every day.

I'll take you to page 104. Some 10 days after these emails do you say to the staff at IWHS that there was a massage room that had been placed in there some weeks ago?

THE COMMISSIONER: Chair.

10 MR RAJALINGAM: Massage chair?---And I recall then corrected to them after that that it wasn't in the room a few weeks ago, it was purchased a few weeks ago and I said to them that I was still tired and very exhausted and that's why this went in the wrong direction, but yes, the massage chair was purchased from Inada and, and ah, it was at the service to give women some, yeah, whatever, I'm trying to say little as much as I can. What was the question?

Ms Sharobeem, there were never 12 chairs purchased from Inada. Would you agree with that?---Of course. Inada doesn't produce office chairs. It just produce massage chairs.

20 So what 12 chairs are you referring to in your email dated 2 September to Mr Boyd? We'll go back to page 96. He asked you about 12 chairs. You respond to him about those 12 chairs don't you?---Yes.

What are you talking about?---I'm talking about the chairs we bought for NESH from IWHS and we wanted the reimbursement.

Which chairs?---The chairs were there when I left them. They were delivered. They were in the second room.

30 Where did you buy them from?---Not Officework but the same place we bought – not even. Nevine was - - -

No, no, no, hold on. You were just talking about buying chairs from Officeworks. Continue with that. What did you buy from Officeworks?

MR CHHABRA: Commissioner, the witness is attempting to answer the question. Be indebted if you would allow her to actually provide the answer that she was partway through.

40 THE COMMISSIONER: Were you partway through an answer?---Yeah.

Ah hmm.---And every time he interrupts my track of thoughts goes away and then I get (not transcribable), so my apology. I am not a person to sit here. I'm a person was doing something else but, anyway, can I answer?

Yes.

MR RAJALINGAM: Yes.---Yes. Nevine Ghaly was a person of an online purchase. She is known of that and you can really investigate that well by –

with her. So she didn't have a credit card for NESH and she requested from me to buy chairs for NESH office. They didn't have enough chairs and the ones they had wasn't really the way she wanted to have the organisation presented and at that particular time there was enough money and more money in the account for her to buy. So without going in further details she requested to buy. She used the credit card. She purchased them from online and they were delivered to Immigrant Women's Health. The reason they were delivered there because she didn't have regular staff attending the office all the time there and because she wanted them to come to Immigrant Women's Health I said as you wish. She wanted similar chairs to the ones we had and that's all my recollection of the conversation and that's where when they were talking about I said it's in the second room, go and find it. So I wouldn't be that crazy. But as soon as I saw this I said this is fake. Number 1, because Inada doesn't produce office chair. Number 2, if you look at the invoice itself, sir, you will know that it's fake. Any stupid person would look at it and feel it's fake.

You're pointing the finger at Ms Ghaly aren't you?---No, not really.

20 Well, you're saying that she purchased 12 chairs online.---That's right.

Do you know how much she spent?---No, not really.

What do these chairs look like?---She – well, all what I know is she wanted chairs and she chose - - -

They were at IWHS. What did they look like?---She chose – I'm finishing this.

30 No, no, no. What – the question is what did they look like?---I am not a camera to give you a vision of something happen two years ago.

I'm asking you to describe - - -?---Give me a chance - - -

- - - what they look like.---I'm not going to describe something I can't – he want me to lie.

THE COMMISSIONER: Do you remember the chairs, did you see the - - - ?---No.

40 Did you see the chairs?---I remember roughly covered but I remember the colour blue and that's where when they were talking to me about blue I referred back to the room at the, at the back or the second room.

Okay.---That's all what I remember.

All right. Thank you.

MR RAJALINGAM: The, Ms Sharobeem, I'm going to take you to – do you remember going to Inada to purchase this massage chair?---I remember the Sunday in the afternoon before my operation that I wanted to finish all the accounts, and I took my husband and my father-in-law - - -

I asked you if you remember - - -?--- - - - to the afternoon – I am finishing my sentence, sir. Please allow me. Please don't try to push me to the corner. You're not going to get anything out of me.

10 Do you remember going to purchase the Inada massage chair.---I am, I am telling my story.

Yes or no? Do you remember going to purchase the Inada massage chair? ---If you will wait, you will hear my story.

Yes or no?---You will hear my story.

Do you remember purchasing the Inada massage chair?---You will hear my story.

20

Commissioner, in my submission, the witness is not being responsive. ---Because you are not giving me a chance to be honest.

And has been unresponsive for the last two days.

THE COMMISSIONER: Ms Sharobeem, the question that you're being asked is – what's the question?

30 MR RAJALINGAM: Do you recall going to Inada to purchase the massage chair?

THE COMMISSIONER: Do you recall going there to purchase the chairs? The rest of the story may come out, so just do you - - -?---Sure, sir. But, no, I didn't go to Inada. This is what I want to say.

Okay. You didn't go. Okay.---Okay.

That's fine. Thank you.

40 MR RAJALINGAM: I'll take you to page 112.---Because we're confusing ourselves this way. That's why I wanted to say the story.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, what is the story? A brief version of the story, please.---Very brief version is I wanted really to get the purchase – sorry, I wanted really to know what I can get for women, as I do regularly once a year.

Now you're embroidering the story. Just tell me what the story is.---So I went with my husband and father-in-law and I said we're going to go and have coffee. Then when we went there to West Ryde, we found the people who sits in the middle of a shopping centre, and they had the massage chair. So I didn't go to buy it. I actually found it there, and then I had a conversation for more than three hours, talking about the benefit and why the chair is important for women.

10 Sorry, just, just - - -?---To the extent that my father-in-law slept - - -
Stop for a minute. Stop for a minute.---Sorry.

You saw the chair in the shopping centre?---Yes.

Who did you have the conversation with?---The salesman.

The salesman?---Yes.

20 Okay. And did you decide to buy the chair from the salesman there?---Yes.
For more than three hours I am bargaining with him.

Yes, no, that's fine. And is that where you organised the purchase of the chair?---That's right.

And the delivery of the chair?---That's right. And at that particular moment I was extremely exhausted and ill, because in few days I would - - -

30 No, well, yeah, okay.--- - - - go to the operation. So I give him my credit card and he took all the details from me and took the wrong address. Hence the chair was delivered to my home and then delivered back after my operation back to the office.

Okay. Thank you.---That's all what I wanted to say.

Okay. That's fine.

MR RAJALINGAM: Page 112, volume 4. Do you see this invoice from Inada?---That's - - -

40 The World's Best Massage Chair.---That's the proper invoice I provided to the organisation.

Do you see that it's addressed to Ms Eman Sharobeem?---It's addressed to IWHS and they had the wrong address.

No, it's addressed to Eman Sharobeem, IWHS - - -?---That's right. Billed to - - -

--- [REDACTED] isn't it?---Yes.

Your mobile phone is on the invoice.---You don't need to mention my address, please.

You see it's a massage chair for \$6,900?---Yes.

It was never the case that this massage chair was being purchased for the Immigrant Women's Health Service, was it?---Absolutely wrong.

10

You still maintain that there were 12 chairs purchased for the service, do you?---No, for NESH.

For NESH?---Yes.

All right. Well, I'll take you to page 110 of volume 4. Do you see what's highlighted in blue as a response to the auditor's question about these chairs? Do you accept that?---I'm reading it. Yes?

20

Do you agree that when you were responding, did you – were you involved in these responses with Ms Lai?---Yes.

You were – she was liaising with you in order to provide responses about some of the issues that had come up in the audit, is that fair to say?---Nada and Julie. The three of them.

Who else?---Nada and Julie. The three of them, we were all trying to respond to these questions.

30

Do you remember how the massage chair was purchased?---I just mentioned how.

With a credit card?---Yes.

If we go back to – you know that Ms El-Baf and Ms Abboud have said that they've never seen these 12 chairs or the massage chair you're talking about?---The massage chair was there and I already told them in an email.

40

You're aware of that, aren't you, you're aware they've given evidence in this inquiry that they hadn't seen the massage chair until you emailed them about it?---When it was delivered. They didn't see it until it was delivered and it didn't stay in my home for long. I was in the hospital.

I'll take you to page 93?---Who would deliver it?

This is a document provided by Inada World's Best Massage Chairs and it's a receipt of the delivery. Do you agree that it was delivered to your address in [REDACTED] - - -?---Yeah, I just said that.

- - - on 22 June, 2015?---Yes, I just said that.

Is that your signature there?---Yes, it's my signature I believe.

Let's go to page 92?---Which day is that, 22nd, yes.

10 Just we'll go to page 92. Do you agree that these are the receipts for the purchase of the Inada massage chair?---If it's for Inada then it's Inada because we dealt with them once.

You had the receipts once you made the transaction, didn't you?---Yes, in my hand, and I left it on my desk for Neth to arrange it and I don't know why it was paid to NESH as it's mentioned.

These receipts along with the invoice at page 90 - - -?---Page 90.

And I'll ask you to go back to page 90?---This is the fake invoice.

20 The receipts and the fake invoice were all submitted in support of reimbursement, weren't they?---One day you're telling me, that's my surprise I'm hearing the news from you.

Did you create this invoice, Ms Sharobeem?---Absolutely never ever ever.

30 I'm going to take you back to page 92. When you were at Inada massage chair, World's Best Massage Chair, did you only use your personal credit card or did you also use the Immigrant Women's Health Service credit card?---No, I can't recall that simply because as I said before, if my credit card doesn't have enough money I use the organisation or vice versa, so I might have used both of them because it's a purchase for IWHS, not my purchase. If I have money I will use it.

I will tell you that the invoice for \$1,000, sorry, the receipt for \$1,000 was in relation to the IWHS credit card?---That's perfect, yes, good.

Did you use a credit card to purchase the massage chair?---Well, if it's written down here - - -

40 Did you do that because you wanted to use IWHS funds to purchase personal items?---It's not a personal item.

Did you then use your own personal credit card because it was a personal item?---It's not a personal item.

Well, if it wasn't a personal item why didn't you use the IWHS credit card?---It has a limit of \$2,000.

Why didn't you organise for a transfer to be made to the, to the company?
---The company wouldn't agree, they want purchase done on the spot and you can check with them. I even offered.

10 How does a massage chair relate to the delivery of Immigrant Women's Health Service?---Oh, every year we have a purchase to what we call to enhance women's health and women's activities and simply we started this idea many years ago and the massage chair, it's not our invention, other organisation has it as well, Liverpool Women's Health has it and I believe Campbelltown or somebody else, but it's an idea used by other organisation, I am not the inventor.

I'm going to take you to the transfer for the reimbursement - - -?---Okay.

- - - of these receipts?---Right.

20 Volume 3, page 182. Ms Sharobeem, that's an amount of \$1,900 isn't it, and the next page is 5,000, and I ask you to add those two up, 6,900, correct?---Yes.

That was the price of the massage chair, wasn't it?---Okay.

And why are you being reimbursed for the \$1,000 you put on the IWHS credit card?---I truly don't know, you need to ask Neth. Seriously, sir.

30 Is that your initial on the transfer?---Yes, on everything you will find my initials, stupid enough, everything, blind as enough, and by the way, if you don't believe me you have many witness to tell you that, including students used to come to the organisation and sit while I'm saying talk and I'm just initialling. Why? Because I was enslaved in the job, I was one person full time doing the job of 10 people.

THE COMMISSIONER: Did you ever pause to wonder why all this money was going into your bank account?---I didn't check my bank account enough, sir, and Neth Boyd knew, Nathan Boyd knew that. By the way also to add, Nathan Boyd discovered that and said, Eman, slow down, you're burning yourself out, and that's many occasions and his sister say the same.

40 MR RAJALINGAM: Pardon me, Commissioner, I might move on to another topic.

THE COMMISSIONER: Have the reimbursements been added up?

MR RAJALINGAM: They have in relation to each particular vendor.

THE COMMISSIONER: But totally?

THE WITNESS: It – sorry sir, sorry.

MR RAJALINGAM: Not every single receipt but there is a total of common vendors but to add all the receipts would be a very difficult task.

THE WITNESS: But, sir, can I add to that, that Nathan Boyd in these schedules already pointed out to me about the reimbursement and double reimbursement sometimes and my response straightaway is reviewing and saying this is not right and it shouldn't happen and the amount was reimbursed fully to the organisation.

10

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, you can see what's being investigated, they're reimbursements for personal things that had been going on for quite a long period of time in quite considerable amounts of money and none of them should have been happening. Now, that may be because of incompetence, it may be because of somebody else doing it for some ulterior motive, which you've suggested, or it may be because you did it, and they're the things that are being looked at. Do you understand?---I do.

Yes.

20

MR RAJALINGAM: Ms Sharobeem, December of 2014, was your partner, Mr Hammo, looking for another car?---No, sir.

Did you round about that time attend dealerships looking for another car to purchase for Mr Hammo?---No, sir.

Did you attend with your son, Richard, to Peter Warren Automotive and select a Mercedes vehicle?---No, sir. I need to make clarification of my no and my yes. Can I?

30

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

THE WITNESS: The question is did I look for a car? No. We basically were going to buy a car for NESH and I took Richard with me because I don't have other people in the organisation and at that time when we were moving out, walking out, we saw the Mercedes and then I said to Haiman, "Let's try it for once, I never been in a Mercedes." And we bought the model which is outdated and was used for test driving so it's cheap for us, so it wasn't any plannings why.

40

THE COMMISSIONER: Okay.

MR RAJALINGAM: I'll show you volume 1, page 154. Statement volume 1. Do you recognise those two cheques?---Yes.

What was the first cheque for?---Supposed to have one cheque for IWHS car and one cheque for NESH car.

And the cheque for 18,695 was that – do you know if that was presented or passed over?---Well, those cheques were not presented. I took them to the bank to get a bank cheque to the dealer so the dealer wouldn't accept the organisation cheque. They only accept bank cheques.

Did you take the \$18,000 cheque and turn that into a bank cheque?---Yes.

Which bank did you go to?---It should be St George.

10 Do you know the branch?---Fairfield.

Did you go with anyone?---No, I'm the only one.

When did you ask Ms Lai to sign this cheque?---Audrey was for bulk signing and leaving the cheques for us so another person would sign so in every given time we would have 20 cheques at least signed by one signature. That's the common practice before I started.

20 After you turned that, the IWHS cheque into a bank cheque did you then go to Peter Warren?---Yes, and handed the cheque.

And who did you go to Peter Warren with?---I went with Richard to get NESH car.

Did you – was - - -?---I went – sorry?

No, you go on.---Yeah. I went with Richard to get NESH car.

30 So you went to Peter Warren which is a Mercedes dealership - - -?---Yes. No, no. Peter Warren is like a complex for different dealers. At the beginning we went there to get a car, not a car. We didn't buy cars. What, what I did actually, the right term is update the car. So we used to have cars and every year or second year in particular we go and update it so we keep the value. So at that year I wanted to update NESH and I wanted to update IWHS because NESH had more than five years and the value went very down. So when I went there to Peter Warren I took the cars and we did the update. That's why the amount is not that big when, when we do the renewal. So Peter Warren had Ford, had Mercedes, had Honda under one umbrella.

40 Was Mr Hammo with you when you picked up the car?---When I picked up the Mercedes, yes.

Did that Mercedes ever go to NESH?---It's not NESH car. The Mercedes is our car. It's both of us.

But the \$18,000 cheque was used to purchase a Mercedes wasn't it?---No, that was a big mistake because I issued these two cheques while going there

to get one for IWHS updated, one for NESH updated and that's where the confusion happened and I explained that. Not only that but I was about to pay already for IWHS car and then we found that the modification for the children using the car is not the right one so I left the whole agent and I went to another agent in Parramatta to buy the one for IWHS and that's when I – the, sorry, the confusion with the cheques happened and I have evidence that as soon as I was told before the audit about this confusion that the money was corrected directly and by the way, the receipt is, is half purchase between me and my husband, not fully purchased by me.

10

Commissioner, I seek leave to refer evidence in the compulsory examination.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I grant leave.

**VARIATION OF A SUPPRESSION ORDER: COMMISSIONER
VARIES THE SUPPRESSION ORDER OVER EVIDENCE GIVEN
BY HAIMAN HAMMO AT A COMPULSORY EXAMINATION
HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2016**

20

MR RAJALINGAM: Ms Sharobeem, your partner, Mr Hammo, gave some evidence at the compulsory examination last year.---Fine.

Do you understand that?---Yeah.

He said that he went with you - - -.---Yes.

30 - - - to the shop.---Yeah.

But prior to that you and your son Richard had been looking for a car.---For NESH, yeah.

How much did it cost?---To buy what?

The Mercedes.---It could be 30, 34, 32, something like that.

40 And do you say you were interested in some other car at Peter Warren?---I was buying, actually going there to buy for NESH and IWHS, not for us.

Wasn't the cheque for \$18,695 presented to another dealership?---That's by mistake 100 per cent.

Commissioner, I seek some time to call up some documents. I don't have the references. Just 10 minutes, 5 minutes.

THE COMMISSIONER: 10 minutes. All right. We'll adjourn for 10 minutes.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT

[3.16pm]

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr Rajalingam.

10 MR RAJALINGAM: Commissioner, thank you for the time. I'll return to that topic tomorrow morning. I'm going to move to a different topic for the moment. I'll consider what you've said, Ms Sharobeem, about the Mercedes. I'll need some time to look at the documents?---Sure.

I'm going to take you to another document - - -?---Can I correct the record of one thing? It's very simple.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mmm.

20 THE WITNESS: When it's mentioned in the receipt of Lily Room it's Botox, it's not actually Botox, it's fillers, and that's different treatment, but because they didn't have a code for it they wrote it under Botox.

THE COMMISSIONER: Oh, okay.

THE WITNESS: Sorry about that but it's just for the record.

MR RAJALINGAM: I'm going to take you to page 180 of volume 4. Ms Sharobeem, do you agree that this is a tax invoice from MLC Pest Control?
30 ---Yes.

It is dated 25 October, 2013?---Yes.

Do you agree that it was for pest services at your home in [REDACTED]
---No.

Well, it says there doesn't it, job address, your address in [REDACTED] doesn't it?---If it's under Immigrant Women's Health, why it's under my address?
40

Do you accept that an amount of \$210 was paid in relation to that invoice on 25 October, 2013?---That's what's written here.

I'm going to show you a document which I understand has already been provided to your lawyers. If you have a look at that document do you agree it's a transfer 17 December, 2013 in the amount of \$210?---Yes.

And it's a transfer to MLC Pest Control?---Yes.

Do you recognise that as a transfer from the Immigrant Women's Health Service?---Yes.

If you turn the page do you accept that what was attached to the transfer was an invoice for MLC Pest Control which is handwritten at the top of that document?---Yes.

Is this a document that you created?---No.

10

Is this a document that was created after the transfer was made to record payment to MLC Pest Control?---Could be. Could be, I'm not sure.

I've got to tender this bundle, it hasn't been tendered already and there are copies already handed up. That's the transfer and the attachment.

THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Exhibit 32.

20 **#EXHIBIT 32 - DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FUNDS TRANSFER ON 17 DECEMBER 2013**

MR RAJALINGAM: If it please the Commission.

Ms Sharobeem, I'm going to take you to page 182 of the Waratah, sorry, the brief, it's an invoice to Waratah Wardrobe. Would you agree that the invoice is dated 30 October, 2013?---Yes.

30 It's in the amount of \$1,220.---Yes.

Do you agree that the job address is your home address in [REDACTED] ---No.

You don't?---This is the cupboard I have behind me.

Sorry, what do you - - -?---In my office, previous office at Fairfield. This is the design.

40 Can I take you to the next page, 183. These are further invoices from the Waratah Wardrobes. Do you accept that?---The company name is there, yes.

And it's for 25 January, 2010.---Yes.

And the page following is for 18 February, 2014, isn't it?---Yes, 2014.

Now, that particular invoice is in the amount of \$1,100, correct?---Which one you referring to?

Page 184. The invoice is for \$1,100.---Yes.

I'll take you to page 185. Do you recognise that document?---That's Waratah Wardrobe, yes.

Where were these wardrobes installed?---We have three installed.

10

Where?---At Fairfield.

Did you have wardrobes installed at [REDACTED] My home? I have only one. Actually, I installed one but I bought it with two already installed in it, so I installed one only. I believe so. Yes.

I'll show you this document. Do you agree that that's a transfer from the IWHS account for \$1,220?---Yes. Transfer. Yes.

20

That's a transfer to the Waratah Wardrobe?---Yes.

If you go to the next page, do you see that that was the invoice that was submitted in support of the reimbursement?---It could be.

If I take you back, do you notice that under your name there is no reference to the address?---That's right.

On the screen, Ms Sharobeem. On the screen.---Oh, on the screen.

30

Yeah.---Yeah.

You see there?---Mmm.

There's no reference to the address, is there?---No, it's not.

I'm going to show you the document that the Commission received from Waratah Wardrobe.---Sure.

40

Page 18, volume 4. Do you agree that on the original receipt provided to the Commission from Waratah Wardrobe, your address is under your name, and before your address is the word "site"?---It's actually not shown here. I, I don't see it here. You black it out.

Well, I'll show you page, volume 4, page 181 from the brief.---Right.

Page 181 of volume 4.---Yes, I can see that.

That's the invoice that Waratah Wardrobe has provided the Commission. Do you understand that?---Yes.

Do you understand that the invoice that was submitted in support of the reimbursement to – sorry, in support of the payment to Waratah Wardrobe did not contain your address on it. Do you understand that?---I saw that.

Do you accept that a wardrobe was installed at your home in [REDACTED] ---Yes, there was. I just mentioned that.

10

And it was installed by the Waratah Wardrobe company?---And I paid them.

You paid - - ?---By my own credit card.

You've paid them didn't you using IWHS funds, Ms Sharobeem?---That's impossible to do.

20 You agree that I just showed you a transfer on 11 November, sorry, 19 November, 2013?---I - - -

Did you see that, did you see the transfer?---I did see that but - - -

Did you see what was attached to the transfer?--- I don't think I did that at all.

Do you see that the - - ?---I know that we sold from them three cupboards not one. I can't really recall why the mistake happened.

30 The invoice that was submitted in support of the transfer and the invoices that have been provided to the Commission from the actual company only differ to the extent that the invoice you submitted to IWHS did not have your address on it. Do you agree with that?---I didn't submit that to IWHS. I was the one actually looking after everything for IWHS and I know that we installed three cupboards at IWHS and other people can witness so I'm not really sure how this happened or who actually cleared the name from the document. It is impossible to have this document among the other documents submitted to the auditor without questioning.

40 Go to page 182.---It's a big amount of money.

Go to page 182 on volume 4. See that the price includes removal of old internals?---Yeah, I can see the wording, yes.

This relates to your home doesn't it, Ms Sharobeem?---No. No. No, it doesn't and if a document like that would go through the auditor where is the cupboard to respond to it at work?

All right. What I'm going to do, I'll show you – firstly I'm going to show you this diagram and then I'm going to show you pictures that were taken from your home by investigators.---Okay.

Okay. You see on the right-hand side, Ms Sharobeem, is that a picture of your wardrobe at [REDACTED] Yes.

10 Do you see the diagram on the left, sorry, the photograph on the top left-hand corner?---That's how I bought the house by the way, it has this in it, the walking in wardrobe was there.

Ms Sharobeem, there's an invoice for the installation of a wardrobe from Waratah Wardrobes - - -?---Yeah.

- - - and it looks like from their diagram that it's the same wardrobe that's at your place in [REDACTED] Okay.

Isn't it the same one?---I really can't respond to that.

20 Wasn't it installed on this day, on, around about 30 October, 2013, didn't you get a new wardrobe at [REDACTED] I can't really respond to that.

Why not?---Because it doesn't make any sense. I, I – if that happened and the organisation paid for it that is wrong and the money should be reimbursed, but no, I recall doing a wardrobe downstairs, this is just an update internally and this is a lot of money for an update. Sorry, what's the question?

Pardon me, Commissioner.

30 I'll take you to page 184?---I'm sorry.

Is this an invoice again from Waratah Wardrobe and is the address there an old address of yours?---(No Audible Reply)

Sorry, you've got to turn to the actual hard copy?---This is my own address.

40 So 184, that's your current address, isn't it?---This is my own address and this is my own wardrobe which is in my home.

Do you agree that it's an invoice for 18 February, 2014?---I know this wardrobe, I ordered it and it's delivered to my home.

Can I take you to the next – do you agree that it's an invoice for 1,100? I think you said yes?---Yeah, yeah.

I'll take you to the next page. That's the invoice that the Commission has received from Waratah Wardrobe. Do you understand that?---(No Audible Reply)

This one here?---That's to send the invoice, yeah.

Why is it written on there, on that invoice, do you know, IWHS?
---To send it to IWHS PO box, I just mentioned before in my evidence that all my personal invoices used to arrive to IWHS because I basically lived there.

10

But this wardrobe had nothing to do with the service, did it?---Of course it's paid by me, not by, by IWHS, but my water bill, my electricity, everything used to arrive to IWHS because I was hardly at home.

Ms Sharobeem, I'll show you another document?---Mmm.

You agree it's a transfer on 11 March, 2014 for \$1,100 to the Waratah Wardrobe from the IWHS cheque account?---And at 10.26am. And it shouldn't be.

20

If you turn the page, do you see the same invoice that I just took you to for a wardrobe installed at your [REDACTED] home but addressed to the IWHS? Do you agree with that?---It's addressed to the PO box, which everything, including my water bill, used to be sent there.

Did you ask the people at the Waratah Wardrobe to address it to the PO Box of the Immigrant Women's Health Service so you could - - -?---Of course I did.

30

- - - claim a reimbursement from it improperly?---Never. Never. And I'm shocked that it is reimbursed to me by that, sorry, not reimbursed, paid by the organisation. Absolutely. This is just for me the first time to see this. And I didn't order one.

Commissioner, I'm - I think I am finished with questions for the day, but I understand a document needs to be tendered. Yeah, we've got to tender that. Can I tender the transfer of the 19 November, 2013 and also the transfer of 11 March, 2014, both in relation to Waratah Wardrobes?

40

THE COMMISSIONER: Just the one exhibit?

MR RAJALINGAM: I think it can be the same exhibit. Two transfers. Yes, it can be.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

MR RAJALINGAM: Commissioner, yesterday I - - -

THE COMMISSIONER: 33.

**#EXHIBIT 33 – DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FUNDS TRANSFER
ON 19 NOVEMBER 2013 & 11 MARCH 2014**

10 MR RAJALINGAM: - - - I called on Ms Sharobeem, I asked for the
business card that Ms Sharobeem referred to in evidence to be produced. I
understand that it has been produced and I can hand that up, wherever it is.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Chhabra?

MR CHHABRA: Commissioner, I formally produce it to Counsel
Assisting.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

20 MR RAJALINGAM: And I can hand it to the Commission. I understand
that my friend is asking for that to be tendered?

MR CHHABRA: Indeed.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is Exhibit 34.

**#EXHIBIT 34 – BUSINESS CARD PRODUCED BY EMAN
SHAROBEEEM**

30

MR RAJALINGAM: And I've got to print, I've got to tender also, on behalf
of Mr Chhabra, the Wikipedia printout in relation to Professor Hassan.

THE COMMISSIONER: Ah hmm.

MR RAJALINGAM: There's another note about that as well. So, Ms
Sharobeem, that's all before the inquiry.

40 THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit 35.

**#EXHIBIT 35 – ONLINE PROFILES FOR FARKHONDA HASSAN
FROM WIKIPEDIA & THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO**

