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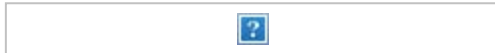
Hi Julie

As I mentioned yesterday, please see attached the transcript of the interview between the NSWEC and Kenrick Cheah for your records.

Kind regards

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TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW

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NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION

**RECORD OF INTERVIEW
BETWEEN INSPECTORS PETER BARAGRY AND PETER
SMITHERS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES
ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

AND

MR KENRICK CHEAH

AT

**OFFICE OF NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION
FDC Branch,
1 Prince Albert Street,
SYDNEY NSW 2000**

ON

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE, 2017

INTERVIEW COMMENCED 2.40PM

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INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q1 This is a record of interview between Peter Baragry, which is spelt B-A-R-A-G-R-Y, and Kenrick Cheah. This interview's being conducted at the Office of the New South Wales Electoral Commission, FDC Branch, at 1 Prince Albert Street, Sydney on Thursday, the 22nd of June, 2017. The time is 2.40pm. Also present is Peter Smithers, Senior Investigator. Peter, for voice identification, can you please state and spell your name?

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Peter Raymond Smithers. Smithers spelt S-M-I-T-H-E-R-S.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q2 And today Mr Cheah is represented by Sarah Butler, Senior Associate with Holding Redlich Lawyers. For voice identification, can you please say your name and spell it Sarah?

MS SARAH BUTLER

Sarah Butler, S-A-R-A-H B-U-T-L-E-R.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q3 Thank you. Mr Cheah, for the purpose of this interview, can you please provide your full name and spell your surname?

A Yep. Ah, Kenrick Cheah. Surname is spelt C-H-E-A-H.

Q4 And what is your date of birth?

A [REDACTED]

Q5 And your current residential address?

A [REDACTED]

Q6 Do you agree that prior to the commencement of this interview, I informed you that we were going to ask you questions, which will be recorded on visual and audio cassette?

A Yes.

Q7 And do you also agree, I informed you that you'd be given a copy of this interview at the conclusion of the interview?

A Yes.

Q8 And that if we do get it transcribed, you'll be handed a, a copy of that as soon as it's done?

A Yes.

Q9 Could you please, earlier I provide you with a Jurat. Can you please read from the sheet in front of you?

A “This record of interview and the statements made by me during the interview will accurately set out the evidence, which I would be prepared if necessary to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that if is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be or not believe to be true.”

Q10 Do you understand that?

A Yes.

Q11 The New South Wales Electoral Commission is currently conducting inquiries into a number of \$5,000 donations made to the Australian Labor Party, New South Wales Branch and Country Labor from the Chinese Friends of Labor in March, 2015. These donations resulted in \$50,000 cash being received by the ALP, and another \$50,000 by the CLP. And I’ll refer to the ALP as being the Labor Party, New South Wales Branch, and the CLP as the Country Labor. The Commission has information that on the 12th of March, you attended a Chinese Friends of Labor dinner at the Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant, where the subject \$5,000 donations were allegedly made. An audit conducted by the Commission revealed a number of discrepancies. Mr Cheah, are you a member of either the ALP or the CLP?

A I’m a member of the ALP.

Q12 And how long have you been a member of the ALP for?

A Ah, approximately since 2006.

Q13 And do you hold any official office with the organisation?

A I’m a paid employee ah, and my position is the Community Relations Director.

Q14 And how long have you been doing that for?

A Um, off and on two or three years.

Q15 All right. So are you familiar with the Labor Party and donations that are made to the party?

A Yes.

Q16 Did you attend the Chinese Friends of Labor dinner at the Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant on 12th of March, 2015?

A Yes.

Q17 Have you been to many of these type of functions?

A Yes.

Q18 Did you have a role to play in relation to the event, the setup, the organisation?

A Um, my role in this event would be basically just to oversee, supervise um, lend a hand where necessary.

Q19 Yes.

A So the Chinese Friends of Labor would take the, I guess the mechanics of it, and my job is the, just to assist.

Q20 All right. Can you describe what Chinese, the Chinese Friends of Labor are?

A The Chinese Friends of Labor is a Labor Action Committee. Um, so it's a, I guess you would describe it as ah, a group of party members and, or non-party members who assist the party in community outreach ah, you know, translation, things to do with the Chinese Community that serve the Labor Party and fund raising.

Q21 And so, basically, like-minded people - - -

A Yeah.

Q21 - - - who are involved in the Labor, or who want to be involved in the Labor Party?

A That's correct. Yeah.

Q22 At the dinner that was held at the Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant on the 12th of March, 2015, can you tell me how many tables were available at that event?

A How many tables we had that night?

Q23 Yes.

A Approximately fifty.

Q24 Then so how many people would have been there?

A About five hundred plus.

Q25 And did - - -

A Possibly six hundred. Depends if we had ten on the table or twelve on the table at the time.

Q26 All right. So from what I understand, there were different, different booking arrangements, different tears of - - -

A Yeah.

Q26 - - - of, of invitations or packages?

A Yeah.

Q27 Can you explain what they were?

- A If you ah, buy for example, let's call it a premium table or something, then you get a better seat closer to the stage. Um, you know, closer to MP's maybe, that kind of thing.
- Q28 Yes.
- A As opposed to being in a table at the very corner of, of a large restaurant with fifty tables where you can't really see much.
- Q29 O.K. On this occasion, did you have dignitaries that were giving speeches?
- A Ah, yes.
- Q30 Do you recall who they were?
- A Ah, would have been Bill Shorten as a guest, as the Keynote Speaker ah, and Ernest Wong as the Convenor of Chinese Friends of Labor.
- Q31 Have you been to many of these type of events before?
- A Yes.
- Q32 I imagine you would go to a few.
- A Yeah.
- Q33 At the, at this particular dinner we're talking about, were there many empty seats there?
- A Um, it's very hard to say at any one give point in time, because everyone's always up and about mingling ah, taking photos with each other. Um, especially these events, the guests want to take photos with um, Members of Parliament, or their friends in the Labor Party, et cetera, et cetera. So ah, there would have been empty seats, but I couldn't give you a definitive number.
- Q34 Can you tell me who the organisers within the Chinese Friends of Labor were, who the actual individuals were?
- A The, you want the individual names?
- Q35 Yes, the names.
- A O.K. Um, Ernest Wong is ah, the Upper House Member for the Labor Party.
- Q36 Yes.
- A Um, others would be Jonathon Yee, Simon Zhou, Ernest Chan were probably the main ones.
- Q37 Apart from the obvious dignitaries that were there, did you know any other guests in attendance?
- A Guests, what, what do you mean by guests?

- Q38 Yes. People who were invited along or people who bought, purchased tickets.
- A I knew lots of people in the room.
- Q39 So it's a large, it's a community that you hang around with?
- A Yeah. So there's Chinese community leaders there.
- Q40 Yes.
- A There's Chinese businesses there.
- Q41 Yes.
- A There's Labor Party Members there who aren't necessarily Chinese. Do you know what I mean?
- Q42 Yes.
- A Like it's a - - -
- Q43 Good mix of people.
- A That's right.
- Q44 Yes. So what, did they have any fundraising events that night, charities?
- A Well, the event is, I mean depends how you want to define it.
- Q45 Apart from purchasing your seat.
- A Oh, O.K.
- Q46 Did they have raffles and auctions?
- A Ah, we would have had a raffle.
- Q47 Mmm.
- A Auction, I can't definitively say if we did or we didn't. Like sometimes we do, sometimes we don't.
- Q48 All right. And your invitation to that event, how did that occur?
- A Ah, less an invitation, but an expectation I'm there as an employee.
- Q49 All right. O.K. So was yours a paid seat, did you pay for your own seat?
- A Oh, don't know whether I actually sat down much, but ah, I don't think I was allocated a seat.
- Q50 Yes. O.K. So you, you didn't have to pay for a ticket to turn up?
- A Myself?
- Q51 Yes, yourself.
- A Ah, I don't think I did.
- Q52 O.K.
- A I may have to be generous.

Q53 Yes. Well, if, if you don't know, you don't recall?

A I don't, I, I don't know if I, like it'd, it'd be in the records.

Q54 O.K. Do you know who was collecting the, the money from, from guests on the night?

A Um, so there's, there were people at the front, like at the reception desk to collect money. Um, but quite often that doesn't collect all the money that comes through. People just wonder in, or people will be like, "Let me just go to my table and I'll organise it with you later." And so sometimes money or, a lot of the money often dribbles in after the event.

Q55 Yes.

A So, for example, ah, an association may buy a table, and they may say, "We haven't, we didn't bring the cheque book today, but we'll, we'll send you the cheque" or, "We'll bring the cheque to you in a few days' time."

Q56 Well, it could be the case that the, that some of it was prepaid as well?

A Highly unlikely to be prepaid.

Q57 Yes.

A Possible, but highly unlikely.

Q58 O.K. So not all the money is collected on the night?

A That's correct. To the best of our ability, we collect all the money we can on the night, because it just makes our job easier in terms of making sure we follow the rules.

Q59 All right.

A But - - -

Q60 Anyhow, I'm, I'm talking more about the seat allocation too.

A Sure.

Q61 Yes.

A What do you mean by seat allocation?

Q62 Well, well, people purchase a seat or a table.

A Yeah, yeah.

Q63 That, I'm not talking about other fundraising that might occur on the night.

A Ah hmm.

Q64 For example, auctions or raffles. I'm talking about purchasing a seat at a table, or a table for a premium package.

A That would have had to be pre-booked let's say.

Q65 Yes. O.K.

A So let's say person X wants a premium table, or wants to be on the main table or whatever, then they would contact someone from Chinese Friends of Labor or myself or whoever and say, and tell them that, and then we'd book that seat for them, and then they'd either come and pay on the night usually, or they would pay after the event.

Q66 O.K. But there'd be a promise to pay?

A Yeah, yeah, of course.

Q67 Yes.

A Yes, yes, yes.

Q68 Can you tell me roughly how many premium tables there were?

A Oh, I honestly wouldn't know. It just, we don't have, it's not a premium, to my knowledge, it's not a premium quota that we're trying to hit, we try and sell as many premium tables as we can, because the, the object is to fundraise.

Q69 Yes. It generates more money.

A That's right.

Q70 I've been told that it was \$5,000 for a premium table for that event.

A O.K.

Q71 For a table of ten people - - -

A O.K.

Q71 - - - plus one, being a dignitary.

A O.K.

Q72 Does that, does that, can you comment on that?

A That could be possible.

Q73 But you're not aware?

A Not aware of whether that was definitively the case.

Q74 Yes.

A Ah, not aware that that's definitively the case, but it sounds in the ballpark of what we do, which is not uncommon to other non-political groups with how they organise their community dinners in the Chinese community I might add. Um, so for example, say in a kind of system you pay for like, you know, you go to a concert or something, you pay a premium amount, you go right up near the stage, that kind of thing.

Q75 All right. \$100,000 is an extraordinary amount of cash to be paid in donations. We've been told that this, all these donations were made in cash, the \$100,000 we're talking about.

A O.K.

Q76 And we told that you were handed that money to convey it to the Labor Party.

A Right.

Q77 What can you tell me about that?

A How did, how did - - -

Q78 Yes. How did all, how did that occur, was, did you count the money with somebody to make sure it was all there?

A Yeah.

Q79 Who was there, et cetera, just explain that.

A O.K. Um, so the money was money from either the night from people who couldn't attend or didn't attend or, yeah, who, who wanted to support but would attend, but couldn't make it, right. So to my knowledge, someone went to collect the money. Ah, Mr Wong went to collect the money from all these individuals um, with the sheets, the, ah, ah, disclosure forms, so that it's all legal. Um, he came to our office um, and he gave it our former General Secretary, the money and the forms. Um, who after they had their meeting, he gave it to me and said, "Here's blah amount of money. The forms are in there. Can you check the forms to make sure they're all filled out correctly and they're all legal so that we can bank the money?"

Q80 O.K. When you say disclosure forms, are you talking about the disclosure forms that are, the donation disclosure forms that are sent to the Commission?

A No, no, no, sorry. Ah, our, our own internal Party disclosure forms where people sign to say, you know, if it's a State Election they're not a builder, a developer or a tobacco or an alcohol related - - -

Q81 It's like an internal declaration?

A Yeah. It's ah, um, the booking sheet is basically, the booking sheet for the dinner is also what we classify as our disclosure form.

Q82 O.K. I'll show you a document.

A Yeah, like that.

Q83 Is this a booking sheet? I'll just show you one. This is a, an invitation for Ma Ho Yee.

A O.K.

Q84 I'll just show you that.

A Yeah.

Q85 What can you tell me about that document, not of that document in particular - - -

A Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Q85 - - - but is this the document you're talking about?

A So there's our invitation there, the details of the event, and that's the method of payment, et cetera, for us to process. And that declaration there is ah, to cover ourselves off so that we're not taking any illegal um, ah, donation.

Q86 Yes. And, and it's signed by the person who's making that declaration. In this case it's Miss Ma Ho Yee.

A Yes.

Q87 O.K. So when you were handed this money to move onto the, the party - - -

A Ah hmm.

Q87 - - - did you count it, or did you just take for granted what was in there?

A Which money, the money - - -

Q88 The, the \$100,000.

A The hundred thousand specifically?

Q89 Yes, yes.

A I counted it, 'cause he asked me to count it.

Q90 Yes. And who asked you to count it?

A The former General Secretary, Jamie Clements.

Q91 Yes. And was there anyone else there with you?

A Well, we work in an open space.

Q92 Yes.

A So there would have been people around.

Q93 O.K.

A There wouldn't have been, there wouldn't have been someone sitting there watching me count the money.

Q94 All right.

A But, yeah, there's like - - -

Q95 Did, in, in relation to the money, did you, were, were you able to then add up the invitations or the declarations made to coincide with the amount of money that you were taking over to the Labor Party?

A Yes.

Q96 And that, that accounted?

- A Yes.
- Q97 That ledgered out?
- A Yeah. Because otherwise I wouldn't have ah, handed it over.
- Q98 All right.
- A Because we don't bank any money unless it comes with the appropriate form for the appropriate amount.
- Q99 And, and it was all in cash?
- A Yeah, it was all in cash.
- Q100 Can you tell me what denominations they were?
- A Oh, no idea. That - - -
- Q101 Was, was it all hundreds, was, was it a mixed denomination?
- A I can't remember.
- Q102 You can't recall. And so when you were given the, the money - - -
- A Yeah.
- Q102 - - - do you recall how long after the, the event the, of the 12th of March, 2015 you were given the money to take to the Party?
- A Ah, I couldn't definitively say.
- Q103 O.K.
- A Not the day after. I can tell you, I can tell you that much. Not two days after, but in terms of how long - - -
- Q104 Yes.
- A - - - I can't tell you that.
- Q105 Oh, I understand we're going back - - -
- A I don't know.
- Q105 - - - a couple of years back.
- A Yeah. That's right.
- Q106 Yes. Who maintained control or security of that money in the meantime, before you were handed that money?
- A Before that it was handed to me?
- Q107 Yes.
- A I have no idea. The money, like I, I only know what happened to the money when it was in my possession.
- Q108 Yes. O.K. And then what did you do with that money once it was handed to you?

A So I counted it. Checked the forms to make sure that they were all correct in terms of not going over caps and whatever, whatever. And by that time it was, so this happened some time in the afternoon when the money was brought to our office. So by this it would have been about late afternoonish, so the money was with me, like in my possession. I left work that night about 6.30, 7.00. It was dark already um, I think, ah, and went home.

Q109 All right. With the money?

A Yeah. Well, I'm not going to leave it behind. I'm not going to leave \$100,000 lying around.

Q110 Weren't, weren't you worried about carrying a hundred thousand around with you?

A Not particularly.

Q111 I think I'd be concerned.

A If, if I had a sign on my head that said I'm carrying \$100,000 then, yeah.

Q112 Mmm.

A But if I'm just carrying around a bag which looks like anyone else's shopping bag, then I have no reason to think that someone's going to think that I have \$100,000 on me.

Q113 Jonathon Yee, what involvement did he have in the, the dinner and the organisation of that dinner?

A Ah, he's on the Organising Committee of the dinner. In terms of how much direct involvement organising itself, I don't know. Um, he did MC the first, I think the first half of the dinner maybe, or first twenty minutes or so.

Q114 Mmm. How - - -

A Introducing guests.

Q115 How well do you know Jonathon Yee?

A Very well.

Q116 O.K. And do you know him through the Chinese community, or the Labor Party, or both?

A Both.

Q117 Did, was Jonathon Lee involved in the collection of any money that night?

A Not that I can recall.

Q118 I would imagine with as many people there that the money would have been handed to several people?

A Yeah. That's right. I mean, and this happens at all Chinese community functions and probably most ethnic functions as well. Whoever is ah, a friend of an association or knows people on that table, you know, to make things easier is, "Oh, can you go, can you go and get table 18's, like, like you know them?" for example. I'm not saying Jonathon did that, but that's an example of how ah, sometimes we, the person who has to go and collect the money is chosen sort of thing.

Q119 O.K. So he's pushed into it?

A Yeah, at times, you know, just depends on the person's relationship with them or, or the situation on the night whether, you know, they need to pay later or whatever. And that's, that's common practice in other organisations, my organisation, you know, within ah, my non-Labor Party Chinese organisation, very common practice.

Q120 I've been informed that the Labor Party instructed donors that they would be receipted per table and not as an individual. Did you, do you know anything about that?

A That's not correct.

Q121 It's not correct.

A We, we, we, we often receipt individuals. So, for example, if a table has, a set table has ten people ah, and all ten pay as individuals, but say they all give, I don't know, whatever the amount is each then they'd all get an individual receipt. If one person was paying for the whole table as their gift like, you know, I, I feel like paying for you guys, then that person would get the receipt. So whoever transacts the money receives the receipt, which I, which I believe is within the law.

Q122 All right. That is within the law. Also, can you please explain to me the Chinese community and their dealing with cash, do you know anything about red, red packets, lucky money?

A What do you want to know? I can tell you plenty.

Q123 Yeah. Anything, anything, enlighten.

A Red packets are given ah, auspicious occasions for good luck, and their little, have you, never seen what I'm talking about?

Q124 No, no.

A O.K. So they're little ah, they're a little red envelope. Ah, how you describe it? I had one right here. Sorry, no. Ah, they're little red packets.

Q125 All right.

A They have a printed picture on the front. It can be a picture of a like a God or little children or fruit or fish or something auspicious and lucky um, and you, at Chinese New Year, for example, older relatives put money in it and give it to the younger relatives.

Q126 O.K. How, how much money are we looking at or, or what type of money would be in a red packet?

A Oh, it, it varies as much as you can, you know like, for example, in Hong Kong ah, when they go and visit houses the Chinese New Year the elder parents, the parents, the adults carry around maybe hundreds of red packets with like maybe \$2 coins or whatever denomination they use in Hong Kong, you know for - - -

Q127 Yes.

A - - - like a small amount for the children. On the other hand, if you're going to a wedding, and I want to give my friends \$100, the couple \$100 as my gift instead of a wedding gift, which is very common in many cultures, then you just put \$100 inside the wedding red packet.

Q128 Yes.

A And, so it varies.

Q129 So it varies. O.K.

A It's, it's basically, it's lucky money, it's giving money with luck is, is basically the idea. So, you know ah, yeah, it's basically for auspicious occasions. If you're asking did we have ah, lucky money, ah red packet on the night, I don't think so.

Q130 O.K.

A Because it's for weddings, Chinese New Year ah, big special occasions like that, or if there's a lion dance, then you would put the money in the red packet and give it to the lion, which is for the lion, not for the organisation - - -

Q131 All right.

A - - - organising the function.

Q132 O.K.

A It's like tips for the, for the lion.

Q133 Mmm. Is there anything you'd like to ask?

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q134 I've just got a couple of quick questions thanks Peter. On the night of the, Kenrick, on the night of the, the dinner - - -

A Yes.

Q134 - - - did you actually issue any receipts yourself that night?

A Myself?

Q135 To any individuals, yes.

A No.

Q136 O.K.

A That's not my job either.

Q137 All right.

A But I don't, generally speaking, the receipts are issued after the event, because we don't process the money on the night. Does that makes sense?

Q138 Yes.

A Because we have to go through the forms and make sure it balances up. They just don't have the capacity to go through the, to collect all the money on the night, go through the forms, make sure everything's all legal and et cetera, so that's why we take all the money back to the office, and at a later date once we're satisfied that Mr Smith has paid \$70 and is ah, for not (25.34) blah, blah, blah, then we process the money and the he gets issued a receipt.

Q139 So how would you attribute the money to the receipt, for example, or how do you know who paid the money on that night or even thereafter?

A The form, the booking form has ah, detailed boxes for name, address, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

Q140 O.K. So on that night they more than likely either gave the money or they promised to pay the money at a later time and date?

A Correct, correct.

Q141 O.K. Do you know, was there any individual charge with collecting on that night, or responsible for looking after the money or the, or the receipts?

A Not to my knowledge. Oh, I don't know who was the one person, or if there was one person in charge of that.

Q142 O.K.

A There was a, like I said, there was a reception table where they were meant to collect as much of ticket money as possible, and the forms as possible, and that's it.

Q143 O.K. And we don't know the people on that, you don't recall who those people were on that night?

A Ah, it could be one of like, it's a whole gaggle of, of, of aunties and uncles and people that help out.

Q144 Yes. Totally understand. And before, thank you very much, that thing about the red packet, it's like a cultural thing for us we're trying to learn.

A That's fine.

Q145 That's a, a, obviously a Chinese culture that we don't really know about.

A No, no, sure.

Q146 It's, it's very interesting to hear and you give us a, you know - - -

A I mean just, just to give you context as well, nothing to do with this, but you, in other contexts, a red packet can be, nothing to do with this, yeah.

Q147 Yes.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q148 O.K.

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q149 That's all right. Yes.

A Just for your background knowledge, a red packet can be a gift ah, you know, a protection money gift.

Q150 Oh, O.K.

A Nothing to do with us.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q151 Yes, yes, yes.

A I'm just saying - - -

Q152 Yes.

A - - - in that context, I don't want you to get confused - - -

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q153 Yes.

A - - - if you hear it in that context, and then think it refers somehow to any red packet someone might have said that we might have had at the time.

Q154 No. We've never heard, it was just, you were just enlightening us about the, like a, a Chinese culture that we don't really know about, so - - -

A But that's fine. I just wanted to make sure that - - -

Q154 - - - I appreciate your - - -

A In case - - -

Q155 - - - your insight into that. On the, on the night of the dinner, did you take any cash donations yourself, or the, on that night or at the dinner or any time thereafter the dinner?

A Did I take any cash donations?

Q156 Did you take any, yes, did you take any, any cash?

A Um, probably, probably people would have come up to me and said, "Here's my ticket money," and then just shoved it in my pocket, while I'm trying to do ten things at once.

Q157 O.K.

A So then I have to quickly find a piece of paper and write down who it was um, and least get enough details so that I can get, get them to fill out the form out later. Or they might have already filled the form out at the front and not and, you know, said, "Oh, I'll, I'll pay, I'll give the money to Kenrick when I sit down," dah, dah, dah, dah, that kind of thing. So it's, it's entirely possible, but I can't tell you definitively I had \$200 on me or whatever.

Q158 Ah hmm.

A You know.

Q159 Not a worry. No, that's fine. And just, yeah, just wanted to clarify that. Regarding the, the, the actual counting of the money, the hundred thousand cash - - -

A Yes.

Q159 - - - was that on the, I'm sorry, I didn't hear you before.

A That's O.K.

Q160 Was that on that, the day that you actually gave it to the ALP, or - - -

A No, it was the day that I received it from my boss at the time.

Q161 O.K. Which was Jamie Clements, a former - - -

A General Secretary.

Q162 - - - General Secretary. And that's when you, you counted the money?

A Ah hmm.

Q163 And do you know how long from that time to, I don't recall the actual date of the, when it was - - -

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q164 It was the 9th. The, the 9th of April.

A O.K. Was - - -

Q165 Was, is, that's the day this money's been receipted by the, the Labor Party.

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q166 Yes.

A Receipted by the Party?

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q167 Yes.

A O.K.

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q168 So when was roughly, from, from that day prior to, do you know how, how long it would roughly be when you had the, received the money from Mr Clements?

A A day, two days maybe.

Q169 O.K. So it was only a day or two before - - -

A Before we banked it.

Q169 - - - it was actually banked?

A Yes, yes, yes.

Q170 O.K. And that's when, the day it was banked would be more than likely the day that you gave the ALP the money?

A Yeah. If not that day, then the following day.

Q171 O.K.

A Like it would not have been more than two or three days because, obviously, we wouldn't want to keep the money lying around, either at my, in my possession, or at the office.

Q172 Mmm. And you had no idea who had custody of the money prior to you being counting and you, and Mr Clements giving you the money?

A No.

Q173 O.K.

A Wouldn't, I mean it's like if I said to you, "Who carried your jacket this morning?"

Q174 Mmm.

A I'm sorry, if you asked me, sorry.

Q175 Yes, yes.

A I wouldn't have a clue.

Q176 Yes. I'm just trying to figure out Mr, it seems as though the, the money's gone from the ALP Party, from the ALP to the ALP to the ALP. Like Mr Clements - - -

A Yeah. Well - - -

Q177 You're, you're with the ALP.

A - - - you have to understand - - -

Q178 And then it was handed to the finance - - -

A - - - that the person who brought the money in is a very wealthy businessman, so he doesn't like dealing with the underlings. So he wants to give it to the boss, because it's a sign of respect for him.

Q179 O.K. All right.

A And a sign of face.

Q180 All right.

A So he doesn't want to give it to me.

Q181 He wants to give it to the man?

A He wants to give it to the man.

Q182 O.K. So he - - -

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q183 So who was that person?

A Jamie.

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q184 Jamie - - -

A Ah, Clements.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q185 No, who, no who gave it to Mr Clements?

A Oh, Mr Huang, who I mentioned earlier.

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q186 O.K. Is that - - -

A Xiangmo Huang.

Q187 O.K.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q188 How do, how do you spell his name?

A Ah - - -

Q189 Sorry.

A There's, it depends how you, in - - -

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

Q190 Anglicise it if you want.

A Anglicise it for Mandarin would be X-I, X-I-A-N-G-M-O.

Q191 X-I-A-N-G-M-O, is that the - - -

A And the surname is Huang, sorry, H-U-A-N-G. So he was collecting it from people who hadn't paid on the night, over half.

Q192 O.K. And that's the man who gave Jamie Clements the \$100,000?

A But I didn't see him. You would - - -

Q193 No, no. I'll take that.

A But yeah, they would do it off - - -

Q194 Yes, I'll, yes.

A They went to, they went into Jamie's office.

Q195 To your understanding that's who it would've been.

A Yeah.

Q196 Yes.

A Yeah.

Q197 Not a worry.

A They had a meeting and, and he gave him ah, the donation money.

Q198 Yes. That's O.K. We're, we're just trying to track down who had the money - - -

A No, that's fine.

Q198 - - - from the time it was donated to - - -

A Sure.

Q199 - - - the time it hit the bank account. So we've kind of established you had, you, your part in it sort of thing, which isn't that much at all really. It just, we're just trying to establish the chain and trying to - - -

A That's all right.

Q199 - - - show where the money actually came from, so - - -

A Like I said, he's a very wealthy business man, so to him he would not want to give it to anyone else. Um, and he would want to give it to Jamie as a sign of friendship - - -

Q200 Yes.

A - - - and all that. Ah, from Jamie's point of view, not to speak on his behalf, but I know that job is very, there's a million phone calls happening every second. So Jamie would not have the time to count it himself and verify himself. And that's my job to do that for him oh, not for him but, you know what I mean? Like that's my job.

Q201 Yes.

A So - - -

Q202 Thanks for that Peter.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q203 What type of business is Mr Huang in?

A Ah, all I know is that he runs, his group is called Yuhu Group.

Q204 How do you spell that?

A Y-U-H-U.

Q205 And where do they - - -

A Um - - -

Q206 Where do they run from?

A Ah, I think they're office is in North Sydney, I think.

Q207 And do you know what type of business it is?

A No. He doesn't talk to me. I don't talk to him.

Q208 Is there anything further?

INSPECTOR SMITHERS

No, that's about it.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q209 Sarah, do you have any questions to ask?

MS SARAH BUTLER

No, I don't have any questions.

INSPECTOR BARAGRY

Q210 Do you have any questions to ask?

A Ah, no.

Q211 No. O.K. You've taken part in this interview of your own free will?

A Yes.

Q212 Has there been any threat, promise or inducement held out to you to partake in this interview?

A No.

Q213 Have you been afforded the opportunity to discuss the matters with your lawyer?

A Yes.

Q214 Do you have any complaints to make in relation to how this interview was conducted?

A Ah, no complaints. I just want to, can I make a statement?

Q215 Yes, absolutely.

A Ah, as a general rule, the Labor Party, we, the Labor Party don't process any money unless we strictly think that it ah, complies with Electoral funding or, et cetera, which is why we have the forms, which is why there's sometimes a time gap in between ah, collection of money and processing of money, because ah, it has to be checked, because we're trying to cover um, all the legal ramifications of everything.

Q216 O.K. All right. The time now is 3.15pm and I'm going to conclude this interview.
Thank you very much for participating.

A Thank you.

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