

tracked my record. I was on leave at that time when the cash got handed in to Jenny. I was annual leave. So that's why my memory was blank when (not transcribable) otherwise I would have remember there was a big amount of cash coming in. And then I tracked my records, I even, I, I, I told the Electoral Commission when we had the interview and they confirmed that as well, I was on annual leave. That's why I say I don't remember. Yeah.

10 You're telling me that you didn't remember because you weren't there, you were on leave?---That's right.

But had you not been on leave, you would certainly remember?---Exactly. I would remember. Because there's, if a big amount of cash, bigger than normal, I would remember that.

Is that the biggest amount of cash that you have known to come in?---I believe so. Yeah.

20 MR JOHNSTON: You said you checked your records when you provided that answer to the Electoral Commission about you being on leave. Which, which records did you check?---The, the leave form that I completed and is in the, in the party's record, payroll record.

In the head office records?---Yeah.

At the time of the Electoral Commission interview, were you working at head office or did you go in specially for that?---The Electoral Commission's interview you say, right? I left the party already at that time.

30 So how did you access the party records?---No, I didn't access the party records. I, when the Electoral Commission questioned about these cash donations, et cetera, I recall that I was trying to, to find out what happened back then and then I checked my record, my leave record. But how I got my record, I don't really recall.

So what steps did you take to get your leave records?---I think I probably talked to Jenny.

40 And she sent them through to you, did she?---Yeah, I think so. I think so. There could be an email from her or some message from her, yeah, confirmed that I was on leave.

Commissioner, I'm about to move on to a slightly different topic. Would now be a convenient time for a lunch break?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. Can I ask you why you left?---Because I, I got bored with the job after being there for eight years. I want, yeah, I want a change.