

- [REDACTED]: The forty thousand dollars you mentioned, is there any criteria around it? It's through a business case, could it be the case that ACTA could write their own business case and keep the forty thousand dollars? Was there a requirement around the agreement?
- 5 EGAN: So, ACTA would not have the capacity to write a business case, would be in compliance with New South Wales treasury guidelines on business cases.
- [REDACTED]: Ok.
- EGAN: I can guarantee that.
- 10 [REDACTED]: Yep.
- EGAN: So, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, I signed the funding agreement with ACTA, and they had to provide us with a business case for facility development and then amount of the funding agreement was forty thousand excluding GST. So, this is the document that enabled us to make a grand payment...
- 15 [REDACTED]: Sure, ok.
- EGAN: Of forty thousand dollars. And also, we've actually got the, from our payment system.
- [REDACTED]: Ok, yep.
- EGAN: So, just going back to your question about how these come about. So, when I look at a number of these projects these local MPs had written into the Minister suggesting projects that they wish to be funded in their electorate. So, there are letters from local MPs, to a number of these projects, saying you know 'if funding became available this is a project I would like to see funded'. So, this is how all this came about.
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- 25 [REDACTED]: Ok, so the other project you mention here, are they actual funding to build or do something as a oppose to funding a business case for a larger sum of money?
- EGAN: That's right, none of these other projects from my memory are these business cases, so one of them was for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] was a bit of an upgrade, the same with [REDACTED].
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- [REDACTED]: Ok.
- EGAN: The only one that was funded for a business case is the ACTA one.
- [REDACTED]: Was that something that was unusual?
- 35 EGAN: It is unusual for us, because under our grant program we don't provide money to fund feasibility studies or business cases, so whether it's the Regional Infrastructure Fund or the Greater Sydney Fund or any of the other ones we administer it is our expectation as the applicate provides the business case of the feasibility study to us, and that they fund it out of
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- [REDACTED]: Yep. So, what was the difference here?

EGAN: The difference here is that the Minister wished to fund a business case.

[REDACTED]: Ok, is there any guidelines you had around that? Is it a policy document you refer to before, stating you don't fund business cases?

EGAN: Yep, so when you do our guidelines for our individual grant program, we specify what our actually projects and what our not eligibility projects. And also, over the years people have written into the different ministers and said could we have funding for a business case. Our stock standard answer in all the ministerial letters is that the Office of Sport does not provide funding for feasibility studies and business cases.

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[REDACTED]: Ok.