



20 We'll take you to the next photograph and the one after that.---Yes.

Do you recognise anybody in this photograph?---Yes. Humphrey.

So it's Humphrey standing at the back of the room?---Yeah.

Are you in this photograph?---Yes, I am.

You're standing next to Mr Maguire?---Yes.

30 And can you tell us about this event that this photograph was taken of, what is this event?---Can you tell me where is it? Because we went with so many events I don't know. If you tell me where then I probably can remember.

Well, let's start with the other people in the photograph. What about on the far right-hand side. There's a gentleman in the foreground who is holding a card. Do you know who that is?---No.

What about the gentleman standing behind him looking down. Do you know who that is?---No.

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What about any of the other faces in the photograph?---No.

No one else?---No.

We can see behind you that there's a table.---Yeah.

So it looks like a restaurant.---Yeah.

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Does that help you remember where you were?---No. We've been to so many. You know, Chinese business meeting all in restaurants, you know. I cannot remember.

Who were the sort of people that Mr Maguire was meeting with when he went to China with you?---I think this looks all like government.

Was that something that you or Humphrey organised?---Yeah, if I was there probably yes.

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And what was the purpose of Mr Maguire meeting with government?  
--- attracted, I think, I'm trying to remember. I think this is in Guangzhou is with the Premier.

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And what was the reason for Mr Maguire meeting with the Premier in Guangzhou?---Oh, yes. What happened was the Premier was not able to – at that time was quite important time of the project and I think the Premier was not able or didn't have time to visit Shenyang so the Shenyang Mayor flew to Guangzhou. We had breakfast meeting together. That was the only time the Premier has time to squeeze for, for, for the project.

And this is for the Wuai project?---Yes, yes. And also because the Mayor of Shenyang came down. That's why all the department head or maybe other government body also went with him and maybe everybody want to make some connections with Australia, exchange cards and something like that, yeah.

And you can see that Mr Maguire is holding a card in this photograph.  
---Yes, yeah.

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Do you recognise that card that he's holding?---His parliamentary card.

Did you see Mr Maguire hand his parliamentary card out at meetings that you were also at in China?---Yeah, I think he normally do that.

And it's a cultural thing in China to hand over your business card when you're meeting somebody. Is that correct?---Yes, yes.

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And what's the function of that in Chinese culture?---Just introduce yourself and be, you know, be polite just like, you know, shake hands. Something like that, yeah, especially in business meeting. It's not private meeting. You have to hand cards to tell, you know, who you are and all that.

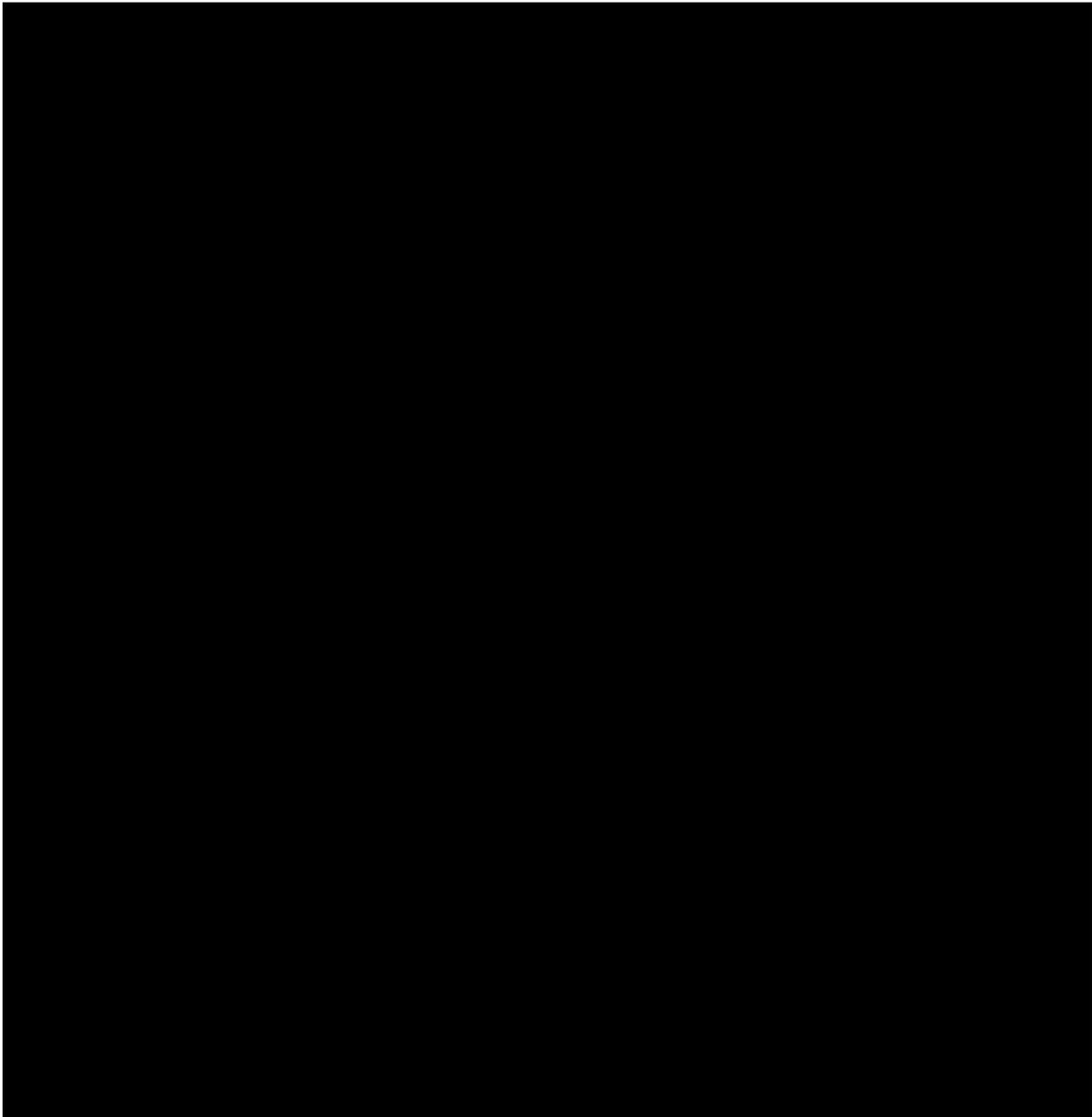
So the purpose was for Mr Maguire to introduce himself to the other people at the meeting?---Yes. And I say everybody they hand cards. I think that Mr Smith was in the trip as well.

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40 Can you talk us through what happened on the day of the MOU signing, what were the events that were held?---That was, I that there was in a meeting room, so, so actually a Premier only has, Barry only got about a few minutes, about 10 minutes to come and shake hand, take some photos and sign or witness the MOU and sign and then he just went off to something else. And then after, gee, I cannot remember all the details, but I can recall there's a, something was not perfect and, and, and, and then the Chinese Government actually, there was something there, yeah, but I cannot remember all those details.

Are you saying something went wrong on the day?---Yeah.

It was a bit, it was a bit awkward?---Yeah, a bit, yeah.

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Do you know what happened?---I think maybe, maybe they're expecting Barry to stay for a dinner, for the lunch or whatever, that was didn't happen and so we end up nobody, everybody just went, nobody actually stayed for lunch, everybody just got up and left. That was memory, not 100 per cent correct.

That's all right.---Yeah.

10 And there was some kind of introduction that took place between the New South Wales Premier who was Barry O'Farrell at the time.---Yeah, yeah.

And the Premier of the Liaoning Government. Is that correct?---Yes, yes.

Who made the introduction between the two?---I think it's Mr Maguire.

And that only took place, there was some handshakes and some photographs for maybe 10 minutes. Is that right?---Yeah, yes.

20 And was Mr O'Farrell there when the MOU was actually signed?---I think was there, yeah.

Now, you said that your company decided to pay for the function. Is that right?---Yeah.

30 And you said that that was on behalf of the State Government?---No, I think the State Government should pay for it because he didn't pay for it and, and that the whole things will be disaster, you know. Then I say okay, don't worry, you know, if you don't have a budget I pay for it. I just want to save the trouble and made things forward.

You thought the New South Wales State Government should have paid for the function?---Of course. Of course. When (not transcribable) visiting your house, right, you should pay for it.

It was a government function being hosted by New South Wales and you thought that they should pay for it?---Of course. I mean, they didn't want to host a function. They don't think it's necessary but I think it's very important but, yeah.

40 And when you say they didn't want to host the function, how did you know that they didn't want to host the function?---Oh, obviously they know. Obviously I know. For example I think Mr Maguire try very hard to get Barry's 10 minutes. You know, he did try very hard for it but other than that I think because Mr Maguire he has his difficulty as well because the Premier has a lot of democratic, I mean, yeah, around him so - - -

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So from your understanding or perspective, did you think that Mr Maguire was doing a lot to help you get the function organised?---Look, it's not help me, okay. Help himself and help the people of Wagga.

I understand.---Yeah.

He was doing some things to get the function organised?---Yeah, he was, he was very, you know, angry and jumping up and down, yeah, that day.

10 He thought that it was also polite for this to happen. Was that right?  
---Yeah.

And so he was also trying to organise the function?---Yeah, yeah.

Do you remember how much you ended up paying for the function?  
---About 5,000. Around.

And do you know what that cost was for?---For the food and the drink.

20 Was it for anything else?---No, just the bill from the, from the function room. I got a bill about 5,000 or something, yeah.

And did you receive a physical bill?---Yeah, yeah, yeah.

And do you remember what was on it?---What was on it?

What the bill said?---I think I pay 3,000 and something for the food and about 1,000 and something for the drink, yeah, and it was about.

30 And was this a bill from the New South Wales Parliament?---Yeah, from the, from the dining section, yeah. They invoice me.

Do you have a copy of that bill still?---No. Long time ago.

And how did you pay the bill?---By credit card.

Did you go in in person and pay with your credit card?---I think so, yeah.

40 What credit card did you use, do you know?---Is American Express or, or other card or Mastercard but I did went in to pay for it.

And was this associated with an Australian bank account?---Yes.

And which Australian bank account was that?---I cannot remember. I cannot, but, but it was, it will be my name in it.

Was it the company credit card or was it your personal credit card?---No, myself. Myself, yeah.

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I just want to show you a document on page 73 of Exhibit 44. Have you seen this document before? Take your time to look at it.---No.

You've never seen this document before?---No.

Can you see that it's addressed to you underneath, on the left-hand side in the bold text it says, "To Lydia Zhang."---Okay.

10 I'll just point out some other details in this document for you. In the description of what's being charged there's a date Friday, November 30, 2012. I suggest to you that that's the date that the MOU was signed in Parliament House. Underneath that it says, "Meeting with the Secretary Liaoning Province, People's Republic of China." And then there's a cost of \$5,000 in this invoice.---Oh, I didn't see that.

20 And you can also see the text says, "The charged fee is for the introductory service, interpreter service and associated activity in the liaison with the Secretary as a precursor to business opportunities within the region."---  
Look, I didn't see that.

So you haven't seen this document before?---No, I, I don't think I paid for it, no. They should pay me not me, no.

Did you have any understanding or belief that what you were paying for was for an introduction?---No, no, no, no. What I pay was only for the bill from the parliamentary dining room. No, I didn't pay for something like this.

30 So this invoice in front of us at page 73 - - -?---Yeah, I've never seen this.

And have you ever paid for any of the items described on the invoice?---No, no, no, no.