

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr Robertson.

MR ROBERTSON: Can you state your full name, please, sir?---Anthony Shane Turner.

10 You were the Executive Officer of the Australian Clay Target Association in two stints, the first of which started in 2009, is that right?---That's correct.

I think in 2011 you left the association and went to become the manager of the PCYC in Wagga, is that right?---That's correct.

And then you rejoined ACTA in 2013, is that right?---That's correct, yes.

Are you still the Executive Officer of the Australian Clay Target Association?---No.

20 And when did you cease to hold the role as executive officer?---18th of December, 2018.

I take it, as executive officer, you were responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Clay Target Association?---Yes, I was.

Obviously subject to the ultimate direction and control of the board?---Yes.

30 You heard the Commissioner a moment ago explain that this Commission is investigating grant funding that was promised and/or awarded to the Australian Clay Target Association in 2016/2017. You heard the Commissioner explain that?---Yes. Yes.

As Executive Officer of ACTA, were you involved in seeking either the promise or award of grant funding from the NSW Government?---Yes.

And such funding was ultimately provided and promised in that period of 2016 to 2017, is that right?---Yes, that's correct.

40 Now, did that come about? What was the background that led to your involvement in seeking or obtaining grant funding from the NSW Government for the Australian Clay Target Association?---I guess it come back to my initial or my second stint with the Australian Clay Target Association. I was asked to return, leading into the 2018 World Championships that were to be held in Wagga.

Now, just pausing there. At the time that you rejoined ACTA as executive officer, had the World Down the Line Championships for 2018 already been secured?---Yes.

Or was it still in question as to whether it would be secured?---No, they'd been secured.

10 And, sorry, continue. You said there was an aspect of that that was relevant as you came back in.---Yes. Part of, part of the brief that I took on was to run the World Championships, and also a number of other important aspects of promoting the association. Part of that was also to try to seek funding for a new clubhouse/conference centre for the association, to, to be able to hold a successful event.

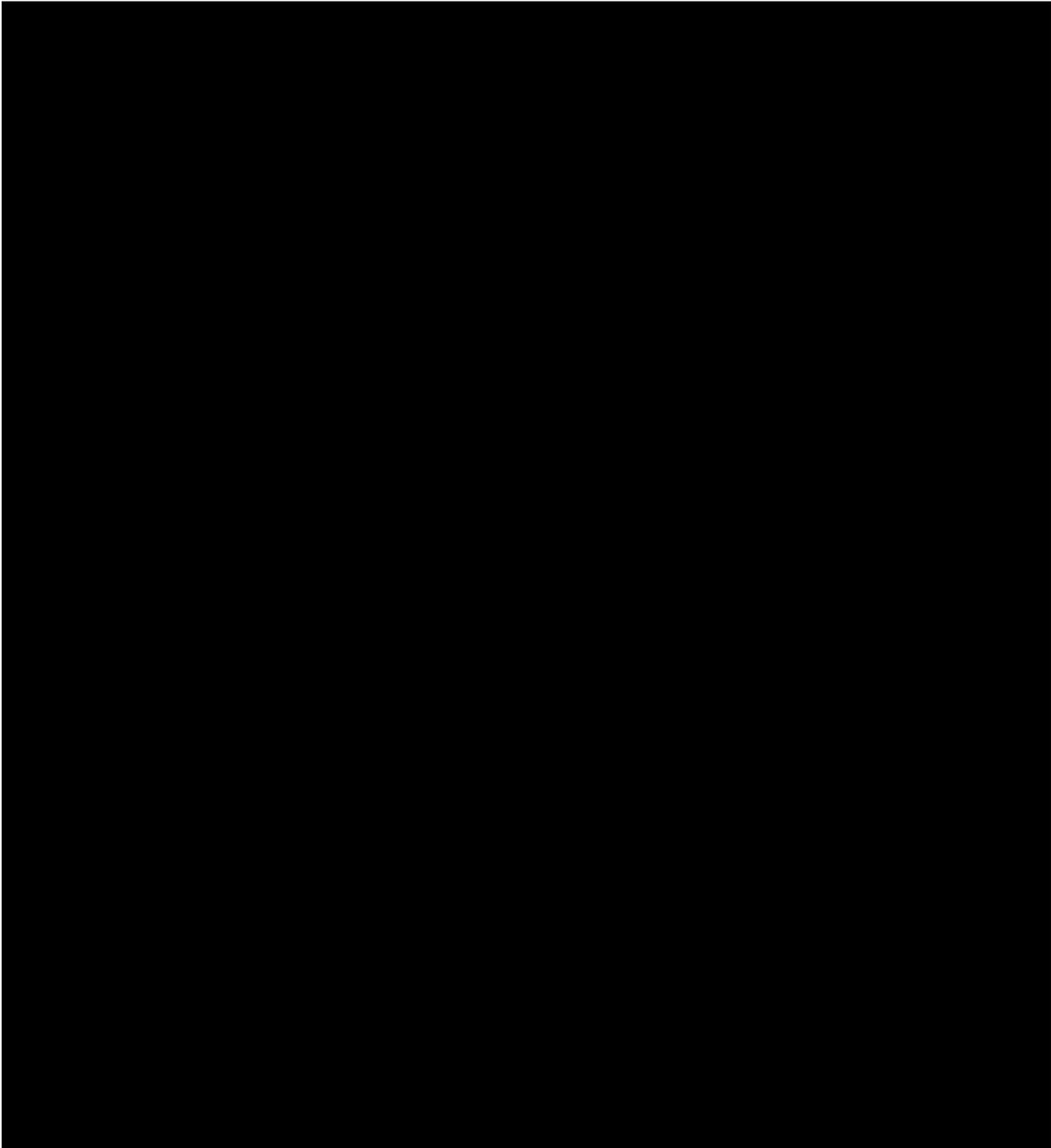
Now, the idea of a new clubhouse, where did that come from? Did that come from within ACTA, from outside of ACTA or from some other source?---No, from within.

20 And when you say from within, were there particular sponsors or proponents?---No, the board of directors, or, or the board, there's, there's two structures, set-ups with the association. We have a full board, a full executive, which consists of 15 people, including the president. The board consisted of six.

And then at the time that you rejoined ACTA, was it Mr Nugent who was the president at that point in time?---That's correct, yes.

And you're saying, as you understood it, the board was very much in favour – and perhaps the executive too – in attempting to obtain funding to improve the clubhouse facilities.---Yes.

30 Indeed, build a new clubhouse with a view to that being in place as at the March 2018 World Down the Line Championships.---Yes, that's, that's correct.



40 Mr Maguire was effectively your champion within government. Is that right?---Oh, for sure, yes.

When the wheels of government were running slowly, your first port of call would be to call up Daryl and say, "What do I do?"---Yes.

You asked Mr Maguire for advice at various stages of the process. Is that right?---Yes, yes.

And kept him informed as to the communications that you were having with people like GHD.---Yes.

And the communications you had with people within government who might be asking for information and things of that kind.---Yes.

