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RECORD OF INTERVIEW - SANDRA

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DATE: 27.10.05

PLACE: Gold Coast

TIME COMMENCED: 10:24 am

TIME CONCLUDED: 11:10 am

INTERVIEWEE: SANDRA WILD

INTERVIEWER/S: DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI
ALSO PRESENT: DETECTIVE SERGEANT STEVE WHITELAW

LEGAL OFFICER: THERESA HAMILTON

RE: OPERATION GRAND

FILE NUMBER: MI-05-2482

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COPY TAPE 1 OF 2 - RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN DETECTIVE INSPECTOR
KEN BEMI OF THE CRIME AND MISCONDUCT COMMISSION AND SANDRA WILD.
HELD AT THE GOLD COAST ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2005. ALSO PRESENT
DETECTIVE SERGEANT STEVE WHITELAW.

LEGAL OFFICER: THERESA HAMILTON

RE: OPERATION GRAND

KB = Detective Inspector Ken Bemi (CMC)

SW = Sandra Wild

SAW = Detective Sergeant Steve Whitelaw

- 1 KB The time now is 10:24 am on the morning of Thursday the 27th October 2005. I am
2 present at the office of Hickey Lawyers in the Corporate Centre, Gold Coast and I intend
3 to conduct an audio recorded interview with Sandra Wild who is employed by Hickey
4 Lawyers. For the purposes of voice identification I'll ask every person present here
5 starting with myself to state their full and correct name. My full name is Kenneth
6 William Bemi. I am a Detective Inspector of Police currently performing duties at the
7 Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane.
8
9 SAW My full name is Stephen Allan Whitelaw. I'm a Detective Sergeant of Police also at the
10 Crime and Misconduct Commission.
11
12 KB Your full name thanks Sandra?
13
14 SW Sandra Wild
15
16 KB Sandra what I intend to do today is conduct an audio recorded interview with you in
17 relation to a present inquiry at the Crime and Misconduct Commission is undertaking
18 pertaining to the Gold Coast City Council elections held in March 2004. As part of that
19 inquiry certain documents were produced by Hickey Lawyers here and I would like to
20 interview you in relation to a number of those documents. Do you require any other
21 person to be present here with you whilst I interview you here today?
22
23 SW No
24
25 KB Do you clearly understand what I wish to interview you about today?
26
27 SW Yes
28
29 KB Can you please state your current address?
30

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31 SW 2/22 Stephens Street - that's S-T-E-P-H-E-NS, Burleigh Heads.
32
33 KB Your date of birth?
34
35 SW 14th of June 1957 (14.06.57)
36
37 KB Can you outline your current position here with Hickey Lawyers?
38
39 SW Personal assistant to Tony Hickey.
40
41 KB Can you outline how long you've held that position for?
42
43 SW Umm 11 years in October.
44
45 KB As a personal assistant?
46
47 SW Yes
48
49 KB How long have you been employed by Hickey Lawyers for?
50
51 SW 11 years
52
53 KB So you came here as a personal assistant 11 years ago to Mr Tony Hickey?
54
55 SW I did.
56
57 KB And currently today you are still his personal assistant.
58
59 SW I am.
60
61 KB Can you outline what the roles are that you perform as a personal assistant?
62
63 SW Umm I do all of Tony's work. I do all his personal things for his family umm pay bills
64 umm organise umm business trips umm yeah.
65
66 KB You type letters for Tony?
67
68 SW Yes
69
70 KB Type documents up for Tony?
71
72 SW Yes I type documents - we do a lot of emails now. Not a lot of emails for the staff but
73 yep.
74

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75 KB And I take it you arrange for certain items to be typed up if you can't do them?
76
77 SW Yes, well we don't have a WP section anymore so ...
78
79 KB What's - sorry what's WP section?
80
81 SW It's a word processing section and we used to have a section where if we had big
82 documents they would do it but that was all stopped and the girl that's in there now she
83 was made our IT person so everybody does their own documents.
84
85 KB So your current supervisor is? Who supervises you? Who's your boss?
86
87 SW Tony
88
89 KB Tony. So he's your supervisor?
90
91 SW Yeah and also we've got a manager and that's Stephen Hudson.
92
93 KB So who do you report directly to?
94
95 SW Tony
96
97 KB Have you got any staff under your supervision at all?
98
99 SW Umm we have a couple of juniors and when the girl is not here that's looking after 'em
100 which at the moment she's away I would look after them. Yep - and anybody that's got
101 any problems around the office will always come and see me.
102
103 KB So how many staff would you have under your supervision?
104
105 SW Ohh just really the girls you know so we've got about umm we've got about 40, 47 girls.
106 So if they have any problems at all they'd come and see me so I could ask, ask Tony you
107 know get - get his advice or Steve.
108
109 KB So I take it as part of your role here you would have to be quite proficient in word
110 processing skills?
111
112 SW Yes
113
114 KB And you would use a computer regularly?
115
116 SW Yes every day.
117

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118 KB As I have stated earlier on the Crime and Misconduct Commission is currently
119 undertaking an inquiry into matters surrounding the Gold Coast City Council elections
120 held in March 2004. My particular interest today is a number of documents that have
121 been provided by Hickey Lawyers to the Crime and Misconduct Commission as part of
122 that inquiry. I'd like to refer you to a document and I have copy of here.
123
124 SW Mm mm
125
126 KB And that's titled the Lionel Barden Common Sense Campaign Fund.
127
128 SW Mm mm
129
130 KB And it's a trust statement.
131
132 SW Mm mm
133
134 KB Were you involved in the preparation of this document prior to it being forwarded to the
135 Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane?
136
137 SW Yes
138
139 KB And it appears that it was actually forwarded to the Crime and Misconduct Commission
140 in April this year 2005.
141
142 SW Yes mm mm
143
144 KB It appears to have been forwarded on the 13th April 2005.
145
146 SW Yes
147
148 KB As that date appears on a covering letter signed by Mr Hickey relating to the document.
149
150 SW Mm mm
151
152 KB Do you agree with that?
153
154 SW I do.
155
156 KB So can you tell me how you were involved in the preparation of this document before it
157 was forwarded to the Crime and Misconduct Commission?
158
159 SW Tony asked me to - well Tony mentioned that the Crime and Misconduct wanted a report
160 on everything that went in and out of our trust account so he asked me to prepare a trust

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161 account statement showing everything from the very start of what we received in to the
162 very end and that's what I did.
163
164 KB Can you tell me when you prepared this document?
165
166 SW Umm well it must - those dates - 13th was it of April. Sorry I'm just going back on.
167
168 KB If I can show you this document here...
169
170 SW Yep
171
172 KB ...there's a date that appears on the top of it 8th June 2004.
173
174 SW Yep
175
176 KB What can you tell me about that date?
177
178 SW Okay. This document was initially scanned so I could have all the formance - the formats
179 of actually how it would be set up. So that's been scanned from an old document and I've
180 got it - haven't realised it's the wrong date. Neither has the girl who scanned it for me.
181 We didn't pick it up so it's just - yeah.
182
183 KB So what you're saying in relation to this trust account statement that was forwarded to the
184 CMC during April 2005 it was initially scanned from another document is that correct?
185
186 SW Yeah, yes.
187
188 KB And I'll come back to that a little bit later. But can you tell me whereabouts it was
189 actually prepared? Where you prepared this document after it was scanned?
190
191 SW On my - on my machine.
192
193 KB On your personal...
194
195 SW On my
196
197 KB ...computer?
198
199 SW Yes yes.
200
201 KB What format was it prepared in?
202
203 SW A word - it's a word document.
204

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205 KB Upon whose instruction did you follow in order to prepare this document?
206
207 SW Tony
208
209 KB Can you outline to me what Tony instructed you to do?
210
211 SW He just said umm to prepare a document umm showing everything that went in and out of
212 umm our trust account from the very start of that file till the end and that was it.
213
214 KB Did he provide you with any other document to go by in order to do this?
215
216 SW No I got them from Michelle the two trust account statements that I went off from
217 Michelle. She's the girl in accounts.
218
219 KB And what's Michelle's last name?
220
221 SW Lowe - L-O-W-E
222
223 KB So can you recall when Mr Tony Hickey requested you to prepare this document?
224
225 SW Well it was in April umm and I think it was - the date was the 13th of - either the 12th or
226 the 13th it's got it on that history - on the history there.
227
228 KB So this is quite important. Can you recall the actual words that he used in order for you to
229 prepare this document? What he said?
230
231 SW He just said that we need to repair - prepare a report and - of everything on this file from
232 day one from the very beginning of the file anything that we got in and anything that went
233 out because that's what this guy wanted.
234
235 KB From the CMC?
236
237 SW Yeah sorry, sorry from the CMC. He wanted a report of everything that had gone in and
238 out of our trust account from the start to the finish.
239
240 KB When you say trust account what was the name of that trust account?
241
242 SW The Li - well it was - there was two files. There was one file that was opened initially
243 and that was umm David Power and umm Susan Robbins. Now I can't remember exactly
244 the name of it but anyway it was opened under their names first okay and then it - it was
245 changed to Lionel Barden so a new file was opened and that file was made a dead file.
246
247 KB Do you know why the names were changed from Power and Robbins to Lionel Barden?
248

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249 SW No wouldn't have a clue.
250
251 KB Did Mr Hickey mention any reason to you why it was changed?
252
253 SW No
254
255 KB Did you question him as to why it was changed? Did you pick up it was a different
256 name?
257
258 SW No he just said to me umm we've gotta open a new file so that other file's dead and that's
259 what I did.
260
261 KB So it wasn't the case that you picked up that it was a different account name as opposed to
262 the Power and Robbins account?
263
264 SW No because when, when you've got a file and it's gotta go under a different name that gets
265 closed - that's our procedure here. That gets closed and we open a brand new file with
266 that - with whatever re it is that's been changed to. In this case it was this person called
267 Lionel Barden.
268
269 KB You mentioned before that the document was scanned...
270
271 SW Mm mm
272
273 KB ...before you actually prepared it.
274
275 SW Mm mm
276
277 KB Can you just outline how that procedure works. So let me give you a hand.
278
279 SW Mm mm
280
281 KB Mr Hickey has asked you to prepare a statement...
282
283 SW Mm mm
284
285 KB ...showing all source of funds that have come and out...
286
287 SW Mm mm
288
289 KB ...of that account. That's correct?
290
291 SW Mm mm
292

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293 KB When he's given you that instruction can you outline in as much detail as you can what
294 action did you take?
295
296 SW Umm I asked Michelle to give me umm everything - I needed like all the details of
297 everything that had gone in and out 'cos I told her I had to do a report and she would have
298 printed them off her machine and brought them down to me and then I typed my report
299 off that.
300
301 KB Alright. So after Mr Hickey asked you to prepare this document...
302
303 SW Mm mm
304
305 KB ...you went and spoke to Michelle Lowe from?
306
307 SW From accounts.
308
309 KB From accounts not WP from accounts?
310
311 SW No no she's from accounts.
312
313 KB Alright. From accounts. And what was that conversation you would have had with her to
314 the best of your recollection?
315
316 SW Ohh I would have just said umm probably something like Michelle I've gotta do a report
317 on this file of everything that went and out of our trust account can you print me out umm
318 any statements relating to whatever moneys we received and whatever went out.
319
320 KB Were you present with her when she printed that information out?
321
322 SW Probably not. I probably rang her on the phone you know. 'Cos she's up on level 9. She's
323 not on the same floor as me.
324
325 KB And what did she say after you requested that from her?
326
327 SW She would have just said yeah I'll do it.
328
329 KB Do you know what computer she used to obtain that information?
330
331 SW Her own computer.
332
333 KB Does she sit in the same office as you or a different location?
334
335 SW No she's on level 9.
336

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337 KB And what happened after that? You made the request. She probably said that she will do
338 it.
339
340 SW Yeah she's probably - I can't remember - I honestly can't remember whether she delivered
341 it down to me or - 'cos we've got a system between the two floors now where you know if
342 somebody's coming down they'll just bring stuff down to you so I can't remember like you
343 know if it came down in a tray or whether - but Michelle might remember she's younger
344 than me. So she might remember.
345
346 KB Can you recall when she delivered that to you?
347
348 SW Not the exact day no.
349
350 KB Was it on the same day you requested it?
351
352 SW Yes, ohh yes it would have been on the same day requested yes.
353
354 KB And what did she actually deliver to you?
355
356 SW Umm two - I think it was two statements. I think there was two statements.
357
358 KB So it was two actual hard copies of the statements?
359
360 SW Yes
361
362 KB By hard copies I mean physical copies as opposed to electronic copies?
363
364 SW Yes yes
365
366 KB I would like to refer you to two documents I have here. The first one is a trust statement.
367
368 SW Mm mm
369
370 KB The reference 245821/00001.
371
372 SW Mm mm
373
374 KB And it's - it refers to Sue Robbins Councillor and David Power...
375
376 SW Mm mm
377
378 KB ... care of the Gold Coast City Council re Gold Coast City election campaign fund.
379
380 SW Mm mm

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381
382 KB And I also have a - that's dated the 8th June 2004 by the way.
383
384 SW Yeah
385
386 KB I also have another document that's dated the 8th June 2004.
387
388 SW Mm mm
389
390 KB That has the reference number of 248311/00001.
391
392 SW Mm mm are they - is that the same number?
393
394 KB Looks to be a different number.
395
396 SW Yep yep that would be right.
397
398 KB That refers to Mr Lionel Barden and the Common Sense Campaign Fund.
399
400 SW Mm mm
401
402 KB Can I get you to have a look over those documents. Can you tell me if you recognise
403 those documents as the ones that were handed to you by Michelle?
404
405 **[sound of paper shuffling]**
406
407 SW Well there's another - I started on the 23rd December so where's that one. That there
408 sorry. Ohh yeah okay. So I started from there and went through to March and then nil
409 balance. Yep that would be them.
410
411 KB So they were the two documents that...
412
413 SW Yes
414
415 KB ...you can recall Michelle would have handed to you...
416
417 SW Yes
418
419 KB ...as a result of your request?
420
421 SW Yes
422
423 KB Did Michelle make any comment or comments to you relating to these documents when
424 she handed them to you?

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425
426 SW No
427
428 KB What happened then? She handed the documents to you?
429
430 SW Yep and then I would have started typing it up. Because I had my document - like I had
431 mine all set up ready to go and then I just umm went off those and put it in.
432
433 KB What about the scanning aspect? How does that fit into it? You mentioned before about
434 getting documents ...
435
436 SW It has to get scanned first to set all these fields up and once that's done then like you know
437 I would have had it.
438
439 KB So can you tell me at what stage the scanning would have fitted into things because
440 you've requested...
441
442 SW At the very, at the very start. Ohh ohh I see what you mean sorry. Umm
443
444 KB So...
445
446 SW Ohh yeah well I would have had them first sorry. Yeah I would have had them first to get
447 them scanned so I would have requested those off Michelle first and then I would have
448 umm got Kym to scann from that yes.
449
450 KB I'm just trying to put into sequence...
451
452 SW Yes
453
454 KB ...how the events unfolded.
455
456 SW Yep
457
458 KB So you were handed these documents by Michelle?
459
460 SW Mm mm
461
462 KB And then you would have given them to who?
463
464 SW Kym
465
466 KB Kym. What's her last name?
467
468 SW Stokes

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469
470 KB And what section does she work in?
471
472 SW That umm IT sort of area.
473
474 KB And what was the purpose of you giving the documents to Kym?
475
476 SW So that she could just scan one of them to get the format of how that's set out so that I
477 could make my report from that.
478
479 KB And whose idea was it for Kym to scan that document?
480
481 SW Me. To make my job easier.
482
483 KB So in other words instead of typing the whole format again...
484
485 SW Yeah
486
487 KB ...you would have filled in the blanks of the fields basically?
488
489 SW Exactly yeah.
490
491 KB Correct me if I'm wrong - that's my understanding.
492
493 SW No that's, that's right 'cos all those would have been all set up and she would have fixed
494 all that up before I got it and then yeah I just fit mine in after that.
495
496 KB So this was done on the same day?
497
498 SW Umm yeah I'd say it would have been. But definitely within a couple of days definitely
499 yeah.
500
501 KB Have you got any diary notes when that would have occurred?
502
503 SW I don't but I've got umm I've got confirmation on this document here of exactly when it
504 was done because it gets...
505
506 KB That's the scanning?
507
508 SW No this is actual - this is - this is - this document that I - sorry. This is this document that
509 I - this report that I did this is exactly all the history of it. Of when it opened and when it
510 was scanned and who worked on it and yeah.
511
512 KB Alright well we'll refer to that a little bit later on in if that's okay.

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513
514 SW Okay
515
516 KB But anyhow it was scanned to make your job a little bit easier and after it was scanned
517 how was the - sorry how were the documents handed back to you?
518
519 SW Ohh Kym probably would have just given back - yeah Kyn
520
521 KB Physically. Once again the hard copies?
522
523 SW Yeah, yes, yes.
524
525 KB What about the scanned version?
526
527 SW That umm well that's what I said to you before. She would have given me the hard copies
528 back but she probably - she wouldn't have printed out the other one because she just gave
529 me the document number of it so then I would just go into that document, pull it up on
530 my screen and then add all - everything I had to to it.
531
532 KB Have you got the document number there that you would have recalled [record?] it by?
533
534 SW Yep. It's 470007.
535
536 KB So you recalled [record?] that electronically the format?
537
538 SW Yes, yes, yes.
539
540 KB So she's handed back the hard copies of the two copies that were scanned?
541
542 SW Yes
543
544 KB And you accessed the scanned copy format if I can use that terminology on your
545 computer?
546
547 SW Yes
548
549 KB What did you have to go into to actually access that? Is it like a file server or?
550
551 SW Ohh it's just a Word - you just go into Word and you just into - you call up that number.
552 It brings it up and then it's on my screen.
553
554 KB So how did it actually come up when you recalled it? What format was it in? Or what
555 came up? What document?
556

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557 SW It's a Word document.
558
559 KB And what actually came up? This hard copy of the document?
560
561 SW Well there would have been - yeah - there would - and I'm not quite - umm umm I'm not
562 sure which one it was but I definitely had some of these in and maybe it was the smaller
563 one because if you're scanning something it's better to do - like see like...
564
565 KB So we're referring to the two ahh documents that were given to you...
566
567 SW Yes
568
569 KB ...by Michelle...
570
571 SW Yes
572
573 KB ...from accounts?
574
575 SW Yes
576
577 KB Okay. So one of these documents would have been scanned not two is that what you're
578 saying?
579
580 SW Ohh yes yes just one yeah because I only wanted the, the format of how it was set up so -
581 and it probably was that one 'cos that's the smaller one.
582
583 KB And this one you're referring to is dated the 8th June...
584
585 SW Mm mm
586
587 KB ...and it refers to Mr Lionel Barden?
588
589 SW Yeah because when you scan something over you know - if you were scanning something
590 over like a two page thing it just you know comes over badly so you're better if you're
591 going to scan some you just, just do a smaller one like that and then it be easier you know
592 to fix up.
593
594 KB Alright so you believe it was the reference to Mr Lionel Barden...
595
596 SW Probably
597
598 KB ...Common Sense Campaign Fund that was scanned and that's the one you accessed?
599
600 SW Yep I'd say so.

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601
602 KB Can you tell me what happened after that? You access it. It came up on your personal
603 computer?
604
605 SW Yeah
606
607 KB And what happened after that?
608
609 SW Well then I would have - from - I would have put in from the - I had to start from the start
610 from the 23rd December so then I would have put everything in all the - whatever we
611 received and whatever we went out and I had to you know umm give the description of
612 what exactly what it was and who it was to and all that sort of stuff so.
613
614 KB You right with water?
615
616 SW Yeah thanks.
617
618 KB Umm alright so the document was accessed, the scanned document.
619
620 SW Mm mm
621
622 KB And you proceeded to create another Word document from the two source documents
623 that you were provided with is that right?
624
625 SW Yes yes.
626
627 KB And you used the scanned format to do that?
628
629 SW Mm mm
630
631 KB So can you just outline how you actually did that? Where would you have started from?
632
633 SW From the - do you want to go off these ones or this one?
634
635 KB These ones - yeah go off the ahh primary documents.
636
637 SW Well I, I would, I would have started here because that's at the very start of it you know
638 when we first got moneys in.
639
640 KB So you would have started off with the Sue Robbins and David Power reference to Sue
641 Robbins and David Power as a source document?
642
643 SW Well not - well hold on.
644

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645 KB 'Cos that's the earlier date.
646
647 SW Yeah I know but I've a funny feeling that - is this the one with the nil balance? Yeah. I've
648 a funny feeling that because all that - I had all this in here - and then I have incl - I have
649 umm typed it - everything from the start. So obviously like I would have - because that
650 relates to the latter half of it I would have start - I would have just put a couple of returns
651 there and just put everything in to meet up with that you know. That's probably how.
652
653 KB I see. So you still made reference to the entry beginning the 23rd December...
654
655 SW Yes
656
657 KB ...in order for you to do that?
658
659 SW Yes
660
661 KB So what you're saying is you used this one to begin with 'cos that was the earlier date the
662 23rd December 2003 and you had a scanned document which was the Common Sense
663 Campaign Fund and made reference to Lionel Barden...
664
665 SW Mm mm
666
667 KB ...and you would have had the 4th March at the top of it.
668
669 SW Exactly
670
671 KB And you would have made entries above that and tab down...
672
673 SW Yes
674
675 KB ...returned down I should say.
676
677 SW Yes, yes.
678
679 KB So did you include all the information all the entries from the two source documents on to
680 the document that you were creating?
681
682 SW Yes
683
684 KB Were there any entries omitted from the source documents in to the created documents to
685 the best of your recollection?
686

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687 SW Yes now if I can have a look I can show you actually because umm hold on let me have a
688 look. **[sound of paper shuffling]** Alright I started from there. Can I just take this out so
689 I can have a wee look at it. I just want to see the [ui] ...
690
691 KB That's fine.
692
693 SW ...to see exactly what I did. Okay.
694
695 KB Take your time you're right.
696
697 SW I might take the other one out too 'cos then that way I can show you exactly what I did.
698 Okay so I started at the 23rd and I've gone down **[mumbling]** and **[mumbling - paper**
699 **shuffling - talking under breath]**. Okay Roche Group - okay see here - see here where
700 you've got the - where the balance is \$20,500.00?
701
702 KB That's campaign funds received...
703
704 SW Yes
705
706 KB ...from...
707
708 SW ...Roche...
709
710 KB ...the Roche Group.
711
712 SW So the balance - ahh huh - yep - so the balance there is \$20,500.00 well when I got to
713 there this one here that is the old file okay so I didn't put that in. I went straight on to -
714 now is Bob Janssen next yep. Bob Janssen - because that's the same - that's the same
715 balance for these two. So I went straight on to Bob Janssen because I just had to put in -
716 we hadn't received anything you know what I mean. That was all transferred over which
717 means that, that balance there carries over on to here so then I carried on with Bob
718 Janseen and I'm pretty sure from there it's **[mumbling]** Quadrant - yep. So that's it.
719
720 KB So sorry I'm still not, not clear why those two entries, the transfer of the balance - if I can
721 just have a look at the...
722
723 SW Mm mm
724
725 KB ...primary document there. On the 4th March...
726
727 SW Mm mm
728
729 KB ...04 on the source documents there's an entry trust journal transfer...
730

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731 SW Mm mm
732
733 KB ...to MN. What's MN?
734
735 SW Matter Number
736
737 KB Matter Number 248311-1 L Barden Common Sense Campaign Fund.
738
739 SW Mm mm
740
741 KB So the amount of \$20,500 has been...
742
743 SW Here - that's it there.
744
745 KB It's been taken out as a debit.
746
747 SW Mm mm
748
749 KB So it's a debit okay. So there's a zero balance as a result.
750
751 SW Mm mm
752
753 KB And then on the primary doc - the source document again on the 4th March...
754
755 SW Mm mm
756
757 KB ...the \$20,500 shows up as a credit...
758
759 SW Mm mm
760
761 KB ...as a deposit from the Sue Robbins and David Power Gold Coast City Council election
762 campaign fund.
763
764 SW Mm mm
765
766 KB So that would indicate to me that amount the \$20,500 which was the running total if you
767 like...
768
769 SW Mm mm yep.
770
771 KB ...was transferred from the Robbins and Power Campaign fund...
772
773 SW Yes mm mm
774

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775 KB ...into the Lionel Barden fund.
776
777 SW Mm mm
778
779 KB Okay do you agree on that?
780
781 SW Mm mm
782
783 KB Are you with me so far?
784
785 SW Yes
786
787 KB So with that in mind why wouldn't have included those two entries in the document that
788 you created or you were preparing?
789
790 SW Because, because ahh that debit and credit cancels each other out and I was only asked to
791 put in exactly what we got in and plus that relates to the old file and how we work here is
792 if a file's dead it's dead and if we were going to give a client a document like this and they
793 saw this it's just too confusing. Whereas what I've, what I've just done is just whatever I
794 got in, whatever came out you know because that doesn't affect it 'cos they both balance
795 each other out do you know what I mean and plus it was the old file.
796
797 KB Mmm
798
799 SW I'm working on the new file. When I prepared this document I was working on the new
800 file.
801
802 KB It doesn't affect the amounts but it does affect where the money came from and the name
803 of the account where the money was deposited.
804
805 SW Well ahh
806
807 KB Would you agree with that?
808
809 SW Yeah but that's how we do it here.
810
811 KB Who, who told you to do it that way?
812
813 SW Well actually after I, after I did it umm and spoke to Michelle, I said Michelle have I done
814 this right. Is this how it's done and she said that that's how we do it.
815
816 KB What about Mr Tony Hickey? Did you have a conversation with him in relation to
817 omitting those two entries?
818

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819 SW No
820
821 KB Are you sure about that?
822
823 SW Yes
824
825 KB And ...
826
827 SW He, he just wanted me to do the document so he, you know what I mean, he just wanted
828 me to do the document which I did but Michelle's the one that's in accounts so she's the
829 one that does our accounting package - like she works in accounts so she's more up with
830 things like that so that's why I checked with her that I'd done it properly.
831
832 KB So when you say you checked with her had you completed the document first or did you
833 see her when you were in the process of completing the document?
834
835 SW No this was, this was way after it. This was way after I did it.
836
837 KB After you created the document?
838
839 SW Yes yes.
840
841 KB I should say prepared the document.
842
843 SW Yes
844
845 KB But do you agree with me that that's - and I'm just inviting your comment here.
846
847 SW Mm mm
848
849 KB That that is quite important information because in effect it's changing the account. It's
850 changing whose account that money shows it's going into and coming out from.
851
852 SW But for, for me to type - for me to type something like that up I would never umm go
853 back and talk about an old file because it's a new file, you know what I mean like I
854 wouldn't, I wouldn't put anything relating to an old file in there. If, if that was, if, if it, if
855 it affected the balance of course you know like it has to carry through but that was a dead
856 file and it didn't make any difference. Like they both cancelled each other out and it was
857 relating to the old file so I just - and Tony only asked me to put in whatever I received
858 and whatever come out and so I don't know.
859
860 KB Yeah and don't get me wrong I'm just inviting your comment here.
861
862 SW Mm mm

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863
864 KB Ahh but clearly ahh it appears that ahh what's happened is those two entries have been
865 omitted for whatever reason and you've given a version of why you think it may have
866 been omitted but do you agree it actually - it does in fact change the name of the account.
867 It's a different account where the money has come from and where the money has -
868 another account where the money has been deposited into.
869
870 SW I know but my, my idea of things like that is if we open a file and we do everything on
871 that it stays like that but if, if we're asked to open a new file that dead file's gone and you
872 don't, you don't refer to it anymore it's a dead file. You just - and if you're doing
873 something like that you wouldn't put it - well I just don't see the relevance of putting it in
874 because you have, have that balance you're coming over you still got the same balance
875 and you're, you're just putting in what we got in and what we got out.
876
877 KB Okay but it's set up in a different account now - the new file as opposed to the old file is
878 that right...
879
880 SW Yeah
881
882 KB ...so the old file being obviously the Robbins and Power...
883
884 SW Yes
885
886 KB ...that was the old file...
887
888 SW Yes
889
890 KB ...the new file is Lionel Barden.
891
892 SW Yes
893
894 KB And did you just decide to undertake that omission yourself in relation to those two
895 entries. I know you stated before that you did see Michelle - was it Michelle sorry?
896
897 SW Michelle yep umm
898
899 KB That was after, after the documents were prepared by yourself?
900
901 SW Yes yes.
902
903 KB But for you to make that decision whilst you were preparing the documents did you
904 consult anyone?
905
906 SW No

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907
908 KB So you just ...
909
910 SW 'Cos I thought that was the right thing to do because I was working on the Lionel Barden
911 Trust file.
912
913 KB Did Mr Hickey, Tony Hickey have any conversation with you in relation to one fund
914 being closed down namely the Robbins, the Robbins and Power Gold Coast City Council
915 election campaign fund and a new one being created, the Lionel Barden Common Sense
916 Campaign Fund?
917
918 SW Well that's when we, we Tony told me to close the old file which was that umm Power
919 and Robbins and then we opened the new one.
920
921 KB So did he actually instruct you to close the old file Tony?
922
923 SW Yes yes.
924
925 KB Right. Can you recall to the best of your knowledge what that conversation was?
926
927 SW Not really. He probably would have just said umm umm close that file because that's
928 umm a dead file now and there's a new file opened up in the name of Lionel Barden.
929
930 KB So when he said close that file he would have said close the Power and Robbins file was
931 that right?
932
933 SW Well when you, well you close anything like that umm Michelle would have had to
934 transfer anything over on to the new file. So I don't know what happened there and, and
935 with the process for our, our dead files we just umm they go up to level, they go up to
936 level 9 so yeah.
937
938 KB Alright so Mr Hickey's instructions to you were to close the old file basically?
939
940 SW Yes
941
942 KB And that would have been the Power and Robbins file?
943
944 SW Yes
945
946 KB And did he make specific mention of establishing a new file or a new account in relation
947 to Lionel Barden the Common Sense Campaign Fund?
948
949 SW Yes yes
950

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951 KB And can you recall what that conversation was just to the best of your recollection?
952
953 SW He would have just said close one file open another one in this name.
954
955 KB Do you know why he asked you to do that?
956
957 SW I don't know.
958
959 KB Do you know the reasoning behind it?
960
961 SW No
962
963 KB Did it strike you as a little bit strange for that to occur?
964
965 SW No
966
967 KB If I can just refer you to the source documents again. Do you notice there are markings
968 on them like brackets...
969
970 SW Mm mm
971
972 KB ...on the two entries - the 4th March 2004 trust journal transfer...
973
974 SW Mm mm
975
976 KB ...Lionel Barden Common Sense Campaign Fund?
977
978 SW Mm mm
979
980 KB It shows the amount of \$20,500.00 as a debit...
981
982 SW Mm mm
983
984 KB ...and also on the 4th March it shows the amount of \$20,500 as a credit and it makes
985 reference to Sue Robbins and David Power...
986
987 SW Mm mm
988
989 KB ...in that statement. Can you tell me how those marks or brackets came to be on these
990 documents?
991
992 SW I dunno. I'm pretty sure I didn't do it. I don't know.
993

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