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Presiding Officer - ALAN MACSPORRAN QC PO

Counsel Assisting – GLEN RICE QC CA

30 HRO Hearing Room Orderly - MELISSA LETONDEUR

Witness - RHONDA JOYCE DORE W

LR Legal Representative – N/A

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY Rhonda Joyce DORE

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CA I call Rhonda Joyce DORE.

PO Ms DORE, do you have any objection to taking an oath on the Bible?

W No, that's fine.

PO Thank you. Swear the witness, thanks.

10 HRO The evidence which I shall give.

W The evidence which I shall give.

HRO In these proceedings.

W In these proceedings.

HRO Shall be the truth.

20 W Shall be the truth.

HRO The whole truth.

W The whole truth.

HRO And nothing but the truth.

W And nothing but the truth.

30 HRO So help me God.

HRO So help me God.

CA Is your name Rhonda Joyce DORE?

W Yes.

CA Mrs DORE, you were previously a director of a company called

Logan Futures Pty Ltd?

W I was.

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CA Has that company been wound up?

W It has been deregistered, yes.

CA And hence you're no longer a director?

W No, the company no longer exists.

CA I beg your pardon?

W The company no longer exists.

CA Yes. You're here in response to a notice to attend?

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| | W | I am. |
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| | CA | Can I show you this? |
| | W | Yes, certainly. |
| | CA | Is that a copy of the notice you got? |
| 10 | W | It is. |
| 10 | CA | I tender that. |
| | PO | Exhibit 112. |
| | CA | You know the Mayor of Logan, Councillor Luke SMITH? |
| | W | I do. |
| 20 | CA | For how long have you known him? |
| 20 | W | I met him in either 2008 or 2009, so I'm not sure. |
| | CA | In what circumstances? |
| | W | I actually was a mortgage broker and I wrote a loan for him. |
| | CA | Did you have some contact with him after that? |
| 20 | W | I had a lot of contact with him after that. |
| 30 | CA | Right. |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Professionally or personally, or both? |
| | W | Personally, and I've helped him on his campaigns each time he's had an election, yes. |
| 40 | CA | He's had a few campaigns. Which ones have you helped him with? |
| | W | I helped him - I helped him when he ran for the LNP against Craig EMERSON. |
| | CA | That was, what, 2010? |
| | W | I don't know for sure. |
| 50 | CA | You're not sure. Okay. |
| | W | I also helped him in the council election then as the Mayor. |
| | CA | What kind of help did you give him in the earlier campaigns? |
| | W | Just the polling booth. Oh, yes, just working on the polling booth and - yes. |

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| | CA | How did your relationship develop to the point where you agreed to help out in that way? |
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| | W | He was also looking at building a house, so he'd also been talking with my husband. So we just met personally. |
| | CA | Did you socialise? |
| 10 | W | Sorry? |
| | CA | Did you socialise? |
| | W | Yes, a little, yes. Yes. |
| | CA | So it became a little more than mortgage broker and customer type relationship? |
| 20 | W | Yes, it definitely became a friendship, yes. |
| 20 | CA | You would say he became a friend of yours? |
| | W | Yes, definitely. |
| | CA | By the time of, what, the 2010 election? |
| | W | Yes, yes. |
| 30 | CA | And continuing? |
| 30 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | When did you learn - I don't need an exact date - that he intended to run for Mayor after Mayor PARKER decided not to run? |
| | W | I don't really remember when, but around probably - I may not be precise, but somewhere around March 2015-ish, around that time. |
| 4.0 | CA | Maybe as much as a year before the election? |
| 40 | W | Around that time, yes. But he was only considering. Not that he was running, by any means, yes. |
| | CA | Do you recall going with your husband to a meeting of a group of people at a lawyer's office in 111 Eagle Street? |
| | W | I do. |
| 50 | CA | More than once? |
| | W | Yes, I did. |
| | CA | There are some records that we have - you may not have seen them - being minutes of those meetings? |
| | W | Mmm-hmm. |
| | | |

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| | CA | Do you recall seeing minutes of the meetings that you attended? |
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| | W | No. |
| | CA | The minutes indicate that the first meeting was on 22 April 2015. Does that sound right to you? |
| 10 | W | Yes, yes. |
| 10 | CA | And Mr SMITH and his wife were there? |
| | W | Yes - yes. I think Andrea was there. I don't really remember, to be honest. Yes, she was. No, she was there, yes. Yes, yes. |
| | CA | What was the purpose of your being at that meeting? |
| | W | Because I always offered my help to support him running. |
| 20 | CA | In what circumstances did you attend? How did you know of the meeting so as to be there? |
| | W | He said that there was a meeting of which I would have been on his committee and would I go, so yes, but - yes. |
| | CA | Mention of a committee? |
| 20 | W | I mean, I saw it in the light of just finding a role for me to help him run for Mayor, yes, if he chose to do that. |
| 30 | CA | Did he ask you to come along? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | And you went with your husband? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 40 | CA | Was there some discussion at the meeting about establishing a company? |
| 40 | W | I don't remember. That meeting I thought was already - I thought that meeting already had decided that the company would be established. |
| | CA | Yes. |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | You became a director, didn't you? |
| 50 | W | I did. |
| | CA | After it was set up? |
| | W | No. |
| | CA | No? |

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| | W | Oh, well, when it was set up, I signed as a director for it to be set up, yes, yes. |
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| | CA | How did you come to be a director of that company? |
| | W | I'm not sure. |
| 10 | CA | That's a little bit more than handing out things at the polling booth, isn't it, to become a company director? |
| | W | When you asked the question how did I become - how I became was by signing to be a director. |
| | CA | What prompted you to do that? |
| | W | Sorry? |
| 20 | CA | What prompted you to take on that role? |
| 20 | W | Because, one, I felt that it was a role that I could certainly fulfil for Luke as- |
| | CA | What was the company for? |
| | W | Sorry? |
| | CA | What was the company being established for, as you understood it? |
| 30 | W | The company was established from legal advice. Secondly, it gave Luke the opportunity for someone else to look after the invoices and all that sort of thing whilst he concentrated on the other side. |
| | CA | Did this company have a relationship with his - or a purpose related to his campaign? |
| | W | I'm not sure what you mean, I'm sorry. |
| 40 | CA | I'm really trying to elicit from you the purpose of setting up this company. |
| 40 | W | It was set up from legal advice. I saw it to be solely to run the campaign, for the donations to go in and the expenses to go out. |
| | CA | Did you have some additional role beyond being a director, in terms of accounting for this money that you've described? |
| | W | I was the one that paid all the invoices; I was the one that paid all the expenses. |
| 50 | CA | Were you asked to carry out that particular role? |
| | W | Yes. Yes, I was. |
| | CA | Who asked you? |
| | W | And that was my main role, to do that. |
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| | CA | Who asked you to do that? |
|----|----|---|
| | W | Luke. |
| | CA | So you became a director? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 10 | CA | And also took on the function of accounting for expenses? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Were there expenses incurred in the course of the election campaign? |
| | W | Expenses by way of using money for campaigning, yes. |
| | CA | I suppose you've got to have money before you spend it. |
| 20 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Where did the money come from, as you understood it? |
| | W | The money came from donations to Luke. |
| | CA | Was there any fundraising activity in addition to receiving donations that- |
| 20 | W | There was a golf day, a breakfast, and they're the only two that I'm aware of. |
| 30 | CA | There was another director, a Mr DEARLOVE? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Did you know him before he became a director? |
| | W | Never met him before that. |
| 40 | CA | But the two of you were directors of the company? |
| 40 | W | That's correct. |
| | CA | Did he have any additional role, such as you did, such as bookkeeping? |
| | W | No, he didn't have any - sorry? |
| 50 | CA | Your additional role being by way of accounting, bookkeeping, and so on? |
| | W | Grant didn't physically make any payments or that, but he and I always communicated on how we operated and what we did and how we recorded, but I did the actual work, yes. |
| | CA | Did the company have a bank account? |
| | W | It did. |

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| | CA | Were you involved in establishing that? |
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| | W | Yes, I did establish it. |
| | CA | Is it a Westpac account? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 10 | CA | You've mentioned donations before. Were you involved in soliciting donations from donors to Mr SMITH's fund? |
| | W | I had absolutely nothing to do with raising or speaking to, and have not met any of the donators, and I never banked any money into Logan Futures. I only paid money out. |
| | CA | In terms of payment out, was there some process by which you were informed of what bills needed to be paid? |
| 20 | W | I would receive invoices and I would pay on invoices. |
| | CA | From whom, suppliers or from some other source? |
| | W | From whatever were issued for campaign material or, you know, things like that, or postage. |
| | CA | Did it come to you directly or did they come via Mr or Mrs SMITH or by what means? |
| 30 | W | Both. If it was, like, the sign people, they had my email address and each month they would just send me the account. The rent would come to me. But the other invoices, where they had arranged things, they may have come through Mr or Mrs SMITH, yes. |
| | CA | But you've told us in terms of the receipt of money that you didn't deal directly with any donors; correct? |
| | W | Correct. |
| 40 | CA | Were you furnished with any records from Mr SMITH about who the donors were and in what amounts? |
| | W | The whole return on the donors was furnished to me by Mr SMITH, yes. |
| | CA | You mentioned a return. Are you speaking of the disclosure return that the company submitted after the election? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 50 | CA | What about during the course of the campaign as money was being received, do you know whether there were any records being kept by you or anyone else about the money that was coming in? |
| | W | No. |
| | CA | You don't know of any? |

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| CA Do you say there weren't any or you just don't know? W I'm saying I don't know of any, because I didn't deal at all with any moneys that came in. That was all done with Luke. CA I take it, then, that you weren't given by Mr SMITH any, like, account records or cash receipt books or anything to show you how the money was received and when? W Not at all. CA You did some spreadsheets, I think. In fact, we might go to a few records. W Yes. CA Can I show you this. It appears to be a Westpac Bank statement. W Thank you. CA Is that a copy of the Westpac Bank statement for Logan Futures? W It is. CA I tender that bank statement. PO Exhibit 113. CA So far as the bank account records are concerned, did you have access online? W I did. CA In real-time to the account? W Yes - oh, when you say real-time? 40 CA As transactions occurred, like progressively? W Yes, they could, but I didn't go to it every day. CA No? W Yes. CA Did you go to it from time to time? 50 W From time to time, yes. CA You kept some spreadsheet records as well, didn't you? W Yes. | | *** | |
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| W Yes. | 50 | W | From time to time, yes. |
| | | CA | You kept some spreadsheet records as well, didn't you? |
| CA Was the desired form that I do to | | W | Yes. |
| Were they derived from the bank statement? | | CA | Were they derived from the bank statement? |

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| | W | I did my - I didn't set this up on MYOB. I just did bank - spreadsheets to actually balance the monthly bank statements, yes. |
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| | CA | So in addition to accessing online from time to time - that is, the bank statement - did you receive monthly payments? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 10 | CA | Do I understand you correctly to say that you endeavoured to do a monthly reconciliation? |
| | W | I did. I may not have done it monthly, but I did monthly reconciliations, yes. |
| | CA | From time to time? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 20 | CA | Those reconciliations - is that the spreadsheet that we've mentioned? |
| | W | It is. |
| | CA | Can I show you these spreadsheets, and can you tell me if they're the ones. |
| | W | Thank you. Yes. |
| 20 | CA | Are they a copy of the spreadsheet that you kept to record amounts paid out? |
| 30 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | I tender those spreadsheets. |
| | PO | Exhibit 114. |
| 40 | CA | With the assistance of the bank statements and the invoices that you received, were you able to reconcile the amounts that had been paid out of the account for campaign purposes? |
| 40 | W | Yes, I could. Yes. |
| | CA | Is that what the spreadsheet attempted to do? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 50 | CA | On the income side of it, the receipts side, if we look, for example, at the first page towards the bottom - in fact, it's the second - yes, on that page that's on display, there's a date 18 September 2015. Do you see that? |
| | W | Sorry, did you say bank statement or- |
| | CA | No, the spreadsheet. |
| | W | Spreadsheet. Sorry, what date? |

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| | CA | 18 September 2015. |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | There's an entry of \$5,000. We can't see the heading of the column, but it appears in the "Donations" column? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 10 | CA | You've entered \$5,000 there, but you have no details other than three asterisks in red- |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | -against that figure. Why? |
| | W | Because at that time I didn't know who the donations were from. That was for Luke to record to me at a later date. So- |
| 20 | CA | Where would you get the date and amount from? |
| | W | From the bank statement. |
| | CA | How would you know it to be a donation? |
| | W | Because it's a deposit and the only thing that went into the account was donations. |
| 30 | CA | So obviously as at the time of compilation of the spreadsheet, you didn't have any record to tell you more than the bank statement did about where the money came from? |
| | W | Absolutely, correct. |
| | CA | And is that true all along through this process of- |
| | W | Yes. |
| 40 | CA | -accounting for incoming and outgoing money? |
| 40 | W | Yes, it is. |
| | CA | If we go through the spreadsheets, we'd see quite a number of such entries as for 18 September where you have just put asterisks; correct? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 50 | CA | And you might have also noted an ATM Beenleigh or something nondescript like that? |
| | W | That's correct. |
| | CA | And is that because you couldn't identify who the donor was? |
| | W | That's because it's what was on the bank statement. During the campaign, I didn't have a lot of contact with Luke. |

| | CA | Right. |
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| | W | So, I just knew that when I needed the information that he would have it for me. |
| | CA | So far as the expense side of it is concerned, did Councillor SMITH have a credit card to incur some expenses? |
| 10 | W | On the account was a debit card. |
| | CA | A debit card, yes? |
| | W | Which was in my name. There was only one debit card issued, but I gave that to Luke and Andrea for access for whatever they needed. But any transaction on that card would go to the statement and I would be fully aware of what it is. |
| 20 | CA | That was really for his convenience, I suppose? |
| 20 | W | Absolutely, yes, and it was - he was the one doing the campaign. |
| | CA | I'm going to show you another document. It's the return that was completed. I'll just ask you to keep those other documents handy for the time being. Exhibit 109 is the Logan Futures disclosure return. |
| | W | Thank you. |
| 30 | CA | Were you aware, in taking on this role of company director, that in due course - that is to say, after the election - there would be a need to complete a disclosure return of donations received to the campaign fund? |
| | W | Yes, I was aware. |
| | CA | Well, the time did come, didn't it, when the return had to be completed? |
| | W | Yes, it did. |
| 40 | CA | And along the way, as I think we've seen, you showed simply gaps in your information about the identity of donors in your spreadsheets? |
| | W | Correct. |
| | CA | You really needed that information, didn't you, to complete the disclosure return? |
| | W | I did. |
| 50 | CA | Well, you didn't have any record of the donors yourself, and in the course of the campaign you've told us, I think, that Councillor SMITH didn't give you a record. So how, then, did you compile the disclosure return, from what sources? |
| | W | Prior to having to do the return, I had given Luke the figures that I - I showed him this and said I needed him to give me those details. |

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| | CA | You're pointing to the spreadsheets? |
| | W | Yes, spreadsheet. And then Andrea and I together, sitting on the floor, did the return, and anything that we needed, we would get in touch with Luke and get what I needed. |
| | CA | There is a schedule of donors as part of the schedule. Perhaps if you wouldn't mind going to that, or you could watch the screen if you prefer. That, I think, is the first page of a list of donors? |
| 10 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | By reference to that list, are you able to tell us your sources of information to put the name of the donor against particular amounts? |
| | W | Fully verbally from Luke. Or I may have had an email with some information from him at that time, filling some in. But the whole lot was given to me from Mr and Mrs SMITH. |
| 20 | CA | Well, he hadn't given you any records along the way, had he? |
| | W | No, no. |
| | CA | Did he, after the event, that is, for the purpose of compiling this return, give you any records at that stage? |
| | W | No. Only - there may have been an email to me with some information, you know, just giving me the names, yes. |
| 30 | CA | You mentioned an email. I'll show you an email that has already been tendered. It's Exhibit 110. |
| | W | Thank you. |
| | CA | Do you recognise that as an email from Mr SMITH to you on the 21st of May 2016? It's dated. |
| | W | Yes. |
| 40 | CA | Do you recall that? |
| | w | Yes. |
| | CA | Now, he's addressed that email to you. Was there some prior dialogue that you had with him that caused this email to be sent? |
| | W | I may have sent him an email with this spreadsheet saying I needed the information. That would - I know I did on some occasion, yes. Whether it was before, I'm - yes. |
| 50 | CA | By the way, in terms of listing the donors on the schedule as you did- |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | -you said you were reliant on Mr SMITH for the identity of the donor. Did you go behind that to go back to the donor company to try to verify |

| | | in any instance? |
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| | W | Not at all. |
| | CA | Is there some reason? |
| | W | Well, purely because I trust Luke, what he has given me I a hundred per cent believe is the truth. |
| 10 | CA | Well, does this email relate to your task after the election of completing the Logan Futures company disclosure return? |
| | W | Mmm-hmm. |
| | CA | Receiving information that would assist you to complete that return accurately? |
| | W | That's correct. |
| 20 | CA | Do you see the first paragraph of that makes mention of Australian SN International Investment Group? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Would you just read that? |
| | W | Sorry? |
| 20 | CA | Just that sentence? |
| 30 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | It reads "Australian SN International Investment Group Pty Ltd - for the purposes of this return they will be recorded as Chin Hong Investments Corporation" and an address? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 40 | CA | What did you make of that? |
| 40 | W | I made that that was the name that he wanted the donations to come from, is what I've seen that as. |
| | CA | As it reads, the Australian SN International Investment Group Pty Ltd is to be shown on the return as Chin Hong Investments - that's as you understood it? |
| | W | That's what I would understand. |
| 50 | CA | And did you act on that? |
| | W | Well, this was before the return was done, so I would have done the return under Chin Hong, yes. |
| | CA | Did you take that as a form of instruction as to how the return was to be completed? |

| | W | I think some of the deposits may have come in the name of SN International, and he would advise that he wanted it all as Chin Hong. I think that's what- |
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| | CA | Is that as you recall it? |
| | W | Yes, that's what I was led to believe, yes. |
| 10 | CA | By him? |
| | W | No, by Luke. |
| | CA | Yes, by Luke, I mean, yes, by Mr SMITH. Did you know anything about either of those companies, that is to say, who was associated with either of them? |
| | W | I know absolutely nothing about the companies and who they were. |
| 20 | CA | You wouldn't know whether they're associated or dissociated? |
| | W | Not at all. |
| | CA | Can I ask you to look at the disclosure return. Do you have that? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | And the schedule of donors. |
| 30 | W | Mmm-hmm. |
| | CA | The first two entries are shown against the name, firstly, "Chin Hong Investments Corp", and then the second one is "Fund Raising Chin Hong"? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Both dated 5 June? |
| 40 | W | Mmm-hmm. |
| | CA | And the amounts are shown there. Having looked at that and noted those amounts and dates, could you go to the bank statement. It's the very last page, number 23. Do you see an entry, credit, to the account on 5 June 2015? |
| | W | Yes. |
| Γ Ο | CA | In the amount of \$25,800? |
| 50 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Being the total- |
| | W | Yes. |
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| | CA | -of the first two entries on your schedule? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | But as you look at the bank statement, it shows only, "Deposit Nerang Qld", does it not? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 10 | CA | It doesn't tell you who the donor was, does it? |
| | W | No. |
| | CA | So do we take it that for the purpose of identifying that there were two amounts, both referrable to Chin Hong, that that came from Mr SMITH? |
| | W | Yes, yes. |
| 20 | CA | And there was no other means of verifying that that was so, so far as you were concerned? |
| | W | No. |
| | CA | Do you see on the schedule from the disclosure return, the next entry for Chin Hong Investment Corp- |
| | W | Yes. |
| 20 | CA | -is shown on the 8th of July? |
| 30 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | And a figure of \$40,000? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | You're smiling. You expect me to ask about that, I take it. |
| 40 | W | No - yes, I am, because we picked this up in the audit when it was audited, yes. |
| | CA | Well, if you look at the bank statement again for that particular date, that's the 8th of July, you see, don't you, a credit entry for \$20,000, not \$40,000? |
| | W | Yes, that's correct. |
| 50 | CA | It's the only credit entry for that day on the bank statement, isn't it? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | So the deposit was 20, not 40; correct? |
| | W | That's correct. |
| | CA | You've recorded the amount on the spreadsheet incorrectly? |
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| | W | I have - on the return, I have, yes. |
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| | CA | The return, I'm sorry. |
| 10 | W | Yes, yes, it was human error, yes. |
| | CA | The bank account also reflects, for the 8th of July, in this case the identity of the donor by way of an electronic transfer. Do you see that? Do you see the inscription "SN International Australia"? |
| 10 | W | Yes, that's correct. |
| | CA | Did you take that to be the identity of the donor, or not? |
| | W | I did, but I go back to here where it says "Chin Hong", yes. |
| | CA | Well, did you note at the time that the bank statement was showing SN International? |
| 20 | W | Yes, I would have. Yes. |
| | CA | Well, it's also shown against that name on your spreadsheet, isn't it? You've correctly recorded that transaction on your spreadsheet- |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | -as being a credit of \$20,000 as against SN International? |
| 30 | W | Yes. |
| 30 | CA | But that's not how it appears on the return, is it? |
| | W | No. That's because that's what I was advised from Luke and that's what I did, and it comes back to this. |
| | CA | When you say "it comes back to that", you pointed I think to the email? |
| | W | Yes, that's correct. |
| 40 | CA | And the instruction that you were given as to how to show SN International. Is that why you put "Chin Hong Investments Corp" against that credit entry for the 8th of July? |
| | W | This schedule was derived from my spreadsheet. |
| | CA | Yes, but the spreadsheet doesn't- |
| 50 | W | The spreadsheet was derived from my bank statement. So if it showed SN International, that's what I had on my spreadsheet when I was balancing monthly. But when it came to the return, I go back to the email and I put "Chin Hong", yes. |
| | CA | So just to sum it up, both the bank statement and your spreadsheet record a \$20,000 credit referrable to SN International? |
| | W | Yes. |
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| | CA | It doesn't appear that way on the disclosure return. It's shown as an incorrect amount, as you have pointed out? |
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| | W | Yes, yes. |
| 10 | CA | But it's shown as the donor being Chin Hong Investments Corp, and I think you've explained the reason for doing that? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | You've pointed more than once, I think, to the email as being the reason you did that? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | On the schedule of donors on the disclosure return, there are a number of credit entries showing the donor as "Australian Yues International Development Group"? |
| 20 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Where did you get that name from so as to enter it several times on the schedule? |
| | W | I would have - if it was shown on the bank statement, it would have come from there. Otherwise, it was given to me from Luke. |
| 30 | CA | It's not in the bank statement, can I suggest to you. |
| 30 | W | Well, it would have come from Luke. |
| | CA | While that schedule is displayed, can I ask you something else about the type of information that's recorded there. Are they all donors, as far as you know? |
| | W | As far as I know, they are all donors. |
| 40 | CA | But there were also fundraising activities, weren't there? |
| 40 | W | Yes, yes. |
| | CA | Did any of the amounts derived from fundraising activities come to be included in the third party disclosure return? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 50 | CA | Where? |
| | W | That "Shine Lawyers" for \$1,500 would have been a breakfast. |
| | CA | Right. That's 4 January? |
| | W | "Ohreg", that one, yes, the breakfast. Actually, the Shine Lawyers one, I only have the address. That means that I can't prove that it was from the breakfast, but it was banked into the account, so I've declared it. And |

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| | | I think those Motorama ones, they may have been the breakfast as well. Yes. |
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| | CA | Did you have some additional uncertainty about the identity of donors from fundraising activities? |
| | W | I'm not sure what your question really is. |
| 10 | CA | Okay. I'll be more specific. Do you have the return in front of you? |
| 10 | W | Yes. |
| | CA | If you go to the last page, page 5, that's your date and signature, isn't it, the 4th of July? |
| | W | It is. |
| 20 | CA | And above that, you've inscribed, "Unable to locate details of some donors that attended fundraising function and despite best endeavours they can not be ascertained." |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | What was the problem? |
| 30 | W | The one - with some of the fundraising, we weren't aware of who those people were, but they banked the money into the account and they showed a name. One of those examples was that O-h - whatever it was. We didn't know who that was, and we couldn't trace it. We had tried, but we couldn't trace it. So we still declared it but didn't have the full information to give to it. |
| | CA | The one for Shine Lawyers I think you identified as being for an amount of \$1,500? |
| | W | Yes. |
| 40 | CA | Do you know anything about the way in which money was raised from those functions? |
| 40 | w | The breakfast, most - if it was shown on here as \$1,500, it had been banked into the account direct. |
| | CA | What was the \$1,500 for? Was it a straight donation- |
| | W | No. |
| | CA | -or was it the cost of attending? |
| 50 | W | It was the cost of a fundraising function. |
| | CA | For the attendee? |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | Paid some money, being \$1,500, to go along to the function? |

| | W | Correct. |
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| | CA | Were all such donors recorded, do you know? You've pointed out two or three. |
| 10 | W | No, there's more than that in here, because I just looked at Gassman & Associates. That was from a breakfast as well. So if they went through the bank account, like, I would declare it. But as in, like, the golf day, I don't know who the donors are. But if they went through the bank account, I did declare it. |
| | CA | When you typed on the disclosure return "Unable to locate details of donors", and you referred to "despite best endeavours they can not be ascertained", what effort were you referring to? |
| 20 | W | As in, like, that Ohreg, we looked up who it might have been. I went to Google. I tried to find who it might be, and I couldn't do that, and I didn't have anywhere else to ask, yes. |
| 20 | CA | Do you know whether you had complete records of persons who had donated more than \$1,000 at those fundraising activities? |
| | W | I believe that - I accepted what went through the bank account as to be what was fundraised. |
| | CA | Was there any other source for entries of that kind other than the bank statement? |
| 30 | W | Not that I'm aware of, no. |
| | CA | No other records of who may have attended and what they may have paid were given to you? |
| | W | No. But I happen to have been at that breakfast, and it looked pretty much spot-on to me, yes. |
| | CA | On what basis do you say that? |
| 40 | w | Because I think there was only seven or eight people there. |
| | CA | I see. |
| | W | Yes. |
| | CA | A small function? |
| | W | Sorry? |
| 50 | CA | Small? |
| | W | Yes, it was very small. |
| | CA | You mentioned that particular one. That was a breakfast? |
| | W | Correct. |

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| | CA | Were there others, though? You mentioned the golf day. |
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| | W | Yes. |
| 10 | CA | Were there other meal functions, be it breakfast or dinner or what have you? |
| | W | Not that I am aware of. |
| | CA | What about the golf day - apparently you were aware of that? |
| | W | I was aware of the golf day because - actually, I had been overseas for six weeks before that, and I got back that day and I just went that night. Yes, I wasn't actually there for the day at all. |
| | CA | Were you involved in preparing and issuing invoices- |
| 20 | W | No. |
| 20 | CA | -from Logan Futures to various entities? |
| | W | No. I did not issue any invoices. |
| | CA | I'll just show you this bundle. |
| | W | Thank you. |
| 30 | CA | I've shown you a bundle of what appear to be invoices, and they're all headed "Logan Futures", issued to a range of persons and entities? |
| | W | Correct. |
| | CA | You have said that you weren't involved in raising any invoices. Does that apply to this bundle that I've shown you? |
| | W | Correct. These are MYOB invoices and I did not have any - I do not use MYOB at all for any of my records. |
| 40 | CA | Do you know anything about the circumstances in which Logan Futures commenced to send invoices? |
| | W | I understood that Andrea issued invoices if people asked for them. |
| | CA | How do you know that? |
| 50 | W | Only because Andrea told me that, not that I was aware of it, yes. |
| | CA | Do we take it that these invoices were not given to you to assist preparation of your disclosure return? |
| | W | They were not given to me, no. |
| | CA | I'll tender that bundle, Commissioner, acknowledging that Mrs DORE doesn't recognise it, but it excludes it from her recollection. |

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| | PO | Yes, thank you. |
| | W | I should rephrase that. I only saw these when I got asked to produce them to - the CCC, I think, asked for the invoices, and I asked Andrea. That's how I - that's the only time I saw them, yes. |
| | CA | Well, just to complete that, so we understand the source of those documents, did you obtain them? |
| 10 | W | Only when the CCC asked for them, I asked Andrea to send me any that she had, and these were what I got and sent to you, yes. |
| | CA | Yes, I tender those. |
| | PO | Exhibit 116. |
| | CA | It follows, does it, that you didn't have direct contact with any of the persons named on these invoices? |
| 20 | W | No. |
| | CA | Would you have expected that at least some of the donations reflected in the bank statement may have been made by cheque? |
| | W | Usually if it said "ATM deposit", it could have been either cash or cheque; I don't know. |
| 30 | CA | I asked you before about whether you went behind the information to go back to the donor to ascertain whether the entry was correct, and you said no to that. Did you go back to Westpac or to any other bank source to try to verify the identity of donors? |
| | W | No. No. They were all banked by, I'm assuming, Luke or Andrea. I don't really know. So I accepted what they gave me. |
| | CA | That's the evidence, Commissioner. |
| | РО | Thank you. |
| 40 | | Thank you, Mrs DORE. You're excused. |