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Dear Mr Hall

Grant Thornton Australia Ltd and the Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence (Royal Commission)

We refer to your letter of 31 May 2021 and using the numbering set out in your letter, we are instructed as follows:

1. On 25 February 2021, Ms Katherine Shamai met with Mr Simon Sherwood and Ms Caroline Marshall of Allens Lawyers. They advised Ms Shamai that the services of Grant Thornton were no longer required and that they had decided to engage with another service provider.
2. Grant Thornton received most but not all of the bank statements for the bank accounts of Crown Melbourne and Burswood Nominees for the period from January 2013.

Bank statements for Crown Melbourne which were not provided to Grant Thornton are for the following periods:

- 2.1 January-December 2015;
- 2.2 May 2016; and
- 2.3 September-November 2020.

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The bank statement for Burswood Nominees for the month of January 2021 was not provided.

3. Grant Thornton does not have the Royal Commission document references for Crown Melbourne and Burswood Nominees. The working models of Grant Thornton were provided in the following folders:
 - 3.1 Crown Melbourne – “Crown Melbourne/Work Papers”. There are four models for the following scenarios:
 - (a) “Melbourne statement CASH ONLY analysis 2013-2021 EXCLUDING WK 02022021_Draft WIP.xlsb” – sets out cash only analysis for the period January 2013 – August 2020 but excluding weekends in the grouping;
 - (b) “Melbourne statement CASH ONLY analysis 2013-2021 INCLUDING WK 02022021_Draft WIP.xlsb” – sets out cash only analysis for the period January 2013 – August 2020 but including weekends in the grouping;
 - (c) “Melbourne statement CASH ONLY analysis 2021 EXCLUDING WK 02022021_Draft WIP.xlsb” – sets out cash only analysis for the period December 2020 to January 2021 but excluding weekends in the grouping; and
 - (d) “Melbourne statement CASH ONLY analysis 2021 INCLUDING WK 02022021_Draft WIP.xlsb” – sets out cash only analysis for the period December 2020 to January 2021 but including weekends in the grouping.
 - 3.2 Burswood Nominees – “Burswood/Work Papers”. There are two models for the following scenarios:
 - (a) “Burswood statement CASH ONLY analysis 2013-2020 EXCLUDING WK 02022021_Draft_WIP.xlsb” – sets out cash only analysis for the period January 2013 – December 2020 but excluding weekends in the grouping; and
 - (b) “Burswood statement CASH ONLY analysis 2013-2020 INCLUDING WK 02022021_Draft_WIP.xlsb” – sets out cash only analysis for the period January 2013 – December 2020 but including weekends in the grouping.

We are instructed that none of the results tab in the models are accurate and should not be relied upon as Grant Thornton were not provided with the missing Patron ID Data for the cash deposits and hence the deposits cannot be traced back to a patron based on the bank statement narration.

Please note that this is as much information as Grant Thornton can provide to the Royal Commission with regard to the issues you have raised.

Yours faithfully

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