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The Solicitors Assisting the Royal Commission
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Dear Solicitors Assisting

Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence

We refer to your letter dated 1 July 2021 in relation to the evidence of Mr Craig Walsh on 25 June 2021.

Crown has been unable to confirm definitively the date of the symposium referred to by Mr Walsh. However, based on the following information, Crown considers it likely that Mr Walsh attended a Victoria Police symposium on 19 May 2016:

- a text message from Craig Walsh sent on 19 May 2016 that states, relevantly '*I'm in Vicpol Symposium all day today*' (**CRW.302.002.1107**);
- a LinkedIn post available at <<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/sports-integrity-symposium-campbell-jackson>> dated 19 May 2016 that includes a photo of an agenda for the 'Victoria Police Sporting Integrity Symposium'.

Crown has also been unable to confirm definitively the date of Mr Walsh's meeting with the AFP. Crown has identified the following records relevant to meetings with the AFP on or around May 2016:

- Email from the Michelle Fielding to Craig Walsh and others dated 4 May 2016 that states, relevantly '*Further to Craig's discussion with the AFP, we have prepared a DRAFT PowerPoint for next week's presentation.*' The subject heading for the email is '*AFP Presentation (AML/Junkets/Records)*' and the attachment is entitled '*AFP May 2016*' (see **CWN.538.023.4370** and **CWN.538.023.4371**).
- Email from Debra Tegoni dated 11 May 2016 that refers to a presentation to the AFP that afternoon (see **CWN.538.023.3998**).
- File note of a police liaison meeting on 23 May 2016 attended by the AFP and Mr Walsh (**CWN.539.067.7904**).

In addition to the documents identified, Crown has made enquiries of relevant employees to determine what, if any, recollection they have of the meeting Mr Walsh had with the AFP.

Mr Xavier Walsh has advised that he recalls that at least two meetings occurred. While he did not participate in either meeting, he recalls seeing in passing members of the AFP, as well as Mr Craig Walsh and Mr O'Connor, participate in a meeting at Crown. Mr Xavier Walsh believes that this meeting must have occurred prior to October 2016, on account of Mr O'Connor's detention in China and subsequent role change after October 2016. He also recalls being aware of a second meeting between Mr Craig Walsh and the AFP, but does not know when that occurred, or if it preceded or post-dated the meeting involving Mr O'Connor.

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Mr O'Connor recalls that, prior to his detention in China in October 2016, he may have attended a meeting that involved Mr Craig Walsh and one or more members of law enforcement. He does not recall any detail beyond that matter and has advised that his memory was unclear and vague. He has separately provided a statement to Royal Commission which addresses the state of his memory.

In the time available, Crown has not been able to identify any further information relevant to the matters raised in your 1 July 2021 letter.


Please contact Andrew Maher should you wish to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely,


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