In the Matter Of:

Seelster Farms Inc., et al. vs Her Majesty the Queen In Right of Ontario, et al.

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Court File No. 842/12 1 2 ONTARIO 3 SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE 4 BETWEEN: 5 SEELSTER FARMS INC., WINBAK FARM OF CANADA INC., 6 7 STONEBRIDGE FARM, 774440 ONTARIO INC., NORTHFIELDS FARM INC., JOHN MCKNIGHT, TARA HILLS STUD LTD., 8 9 TWINBROOK LTD., EMERALD RIDGE FARM, CENTURY SPRING 10 FARMS, HARRY RUTHERFORD, DIANE INGHAM, BURGESS FARMS INC., ROBERT BURGESS, 453997 ONTARIO LTD., 11 12 TERRY DEVOS, SONIA DEVOS, GLENN BECHTEL, GARTH 13 BECHTEL, 496268 NEW YORK INC., HAMSTAN FARM INC., 14 ESTATE OF JAMES CARR, deceased, by its executor 15 Darlene Carr, ESTATE OF GUY POLILLO, deceased, by its executor Carolyn Polillo, DAVID GOODROW, 16 17 TIMPANO GAMING INC., CRAIG TURNER, GLENGATE 18 HOLDINGS INC., KENDAL HILLS STUD FARM LTD., ANDY KLEMENCIC, TIM KLEMENCIC, STAN KLEMENCIC, JEFF 19 20 RUCH, BRETT ANDERSON, DR. BRETT C. ANDERSON PROFESSIONAL VETERINARY CORPORATION, KILLEAN ACRES 21 INC., DECISION THEORY INC., 296268 ONTARIO LTD., 22 23 DOUGLAS MURRAY MCCONNELL, OUINTET FARMS INC., KARIN 24 BURGESS, BLAIR BURGESS, ST. LAD'S LTD., WINDSUN FARM INC., SKYHAVEN FARMS, HIGH STAKES INC., 25

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3	Plaintiffs	3	INDEX OF REFUSALS	
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6	ONTARIO LOTTERY AND GAMING CORPORATION	6	294:14, 393:16, 411:8, 425:20, 426:14,	450:12,
7	Defendants	7	484:22, 487:5	
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9	This is the Continued Rule 39.03 Examination of	9		
L0	STEPHEN ORSINI, a non-party witness herein, taken	10	NUMBER/DESCRIPTION	PAGE/LINE NO.
11	at the offices of Neeson Court Reporting Inc.,	11	17: CRE0361148.	274:1
12	77 King Street West, Suite 2020, Toronto, Ontario,	12	18: Document entitled "Transfer	296:11
L3	on the 13th day of February 2018.	13	Payment Accountability" dated	
L4		14	September 29, 1998.	
L5	APPEARANCES:	15	19: CRE0018299 and attachments.	296:17
L6	Jonathan Lisus, Esq.,	16	20: Transfer Payment Accountability	298:16
.7	Ian Matthews, Esq.,	17	Directive dated August 31, 2007.	
L8	& Vivien Milat, Esq , for the Plaintiffs.	18	21: CRE0018318.	322:7
9		19	22: OLGSB0002315 and OLGSB0002316.	327:16
0.0	Robert Ratcliffe, Esq.,	20	G for Identification: OLGSB0001359	336:22
21	& Rodney Kort, Esq., for the Defendant	21	and OLGSB0001360.	
22	Crown.	22	23: CRE0214397 and CRE0214400.	347:21
3		23	24: CRE0361127.	355:24
4	Michael Rosenberg, Esq., for the OLG.	24	25: CRE0087519 and CRE0087520.	359:21
25	REPORTED BY: Carissa Stabbler, RPR, CSR	25	26: CRE0080004 and CRE0080005.	362:25
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.1		11	30: CRE0032059.	410:12
.2	**The following list of undertakings, advisements	12	31: CRE0081193.	430:19
.3	and refusals is meant as a guide only for the	13	32: CRE0106086.	438:23
4	assistance of counsel and no other purpose**	14	33: CRE0214699.	443:10
.5		15	34: CRE0406984.	492:7
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.9	and appear on the following pages: 273:1, 273:13	19	CRE0359820.	
0.0		20	38: CRE0093343 and CRE0093344.	523:12
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22	INDEX OF ADVISEMENTS	22	for Ontario."	
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23 24	noted by $\ensuremath{\mathtt{U}}/\ensuremath{\mathtt{A}}$ and appear on the following pages:	24		

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1 2		Upon Commencing at 10:06 a.m	1	BY MR. LISUS: 956 O. So do you recall being engaged in
3		STEPHEN ORSINI: PREVIOUSLY SWORN.	2	~ 1 3 3 3
3 4		CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY	3	a project called Project 76 in the fall of 2011?
5	947	MR. LISUS: O. When we	5	A. I don't recall exactly the time,
6	947	~	6	but I do recall there was a Project 76 looking at our business support programs.
7		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	7	
8		noticed when I was leaving yesterday, I noticed we had two pages, three pages, 873, 875.	8	957 Q. Okay. Because it says: "Decision deck that was tabled
	0.40		9	for Project 76 committee deputies a
9	948	Q. Right.		3
10 11	949	A. It was in O. Hold on to them because that's	10 11	couple weeks ago, including options, recommendations, break-out by
12	243	Q. Hold on to them because that's where we're going to start today.	12	sector."
13		A. Okay.	13	Right?
13 14	950	-	14	
1 4 15	950		15	A. I see that reference, yes. 958 O. Okay.
16		memento.	16	958 Q. Okay. A. I'm not on that committee.
17		A. I just didn't want to take them if	17	
18	951	they were	18	959 Q. All right. MR. LISUS: Mr. Ratcliffe, I understand
10 19	931	Q. No, no.		·
		A part of your evidence.	19	that you are going to provide to me today a
20 21		The other thing I wanted to when you referred to my public profile, my dates, I just	20 21	somewhat redacted copy of the Project 76 report. MR. RATCLIFFE: Yeah, well, the key
22		want to go back and just clarify just to make sure	22	parts of it. We're just getting approval for that
23		we're absolutely clear.	23	right now.
23 24		-	24	MR. LISUS: And what about the decision
2 4 25		So Deputy Minister of Finance from December 2011 to July 2014. In the fall of 2010,	25	deck referred to in this email?
23		becamper 2011 to oury 2014. In the last of 2010,	23	deck referred to in this enair:
1		Page 271	1	Page 273 U/T MR. RATCLIFFE: I don't know about the
2		associate deputy minister of tax, agencies, and pensions. And then in 2009, assistant deputy	2	decision deck. We could look to see if we can
3		minister office of the budget, taxation, and	3	locate that, I guess.
4		pensions. I was also given responsibility for OLG.	4	MR. LISUS: Would you do that?
5		That wasn't in my detailed public profile.	5	And while I'm on follow-up, when I
6	952	Q. Okay.	6	examined Mr. Wilkinson, he referred to two MOUs
7	752	A. I just want to be clear on that.	7	that were signed with the thoroughbred breeders and
8	953	Q. Thanks. When we broke yesterday,	8	the quarter horse breeders, and I asked for
9	933	we were discussing the November 10, 2011, email	9	production of them.
10		from Mr. Cote to you enclosing key Project 76	10	So I think we're coming up to a couple
11		materials. Do you remember that?	11	months out. Can you please look for production of
12		-	12	
		A. I remember you pointing the email	13	those MOUs and provide them to me? U/T MR. RATCLIFFE: I will follow up on
13 14	954	out to me yesterday.	14	U/T MR. RATCLIFFE: I will follow up on that.
1 4 15	934	Q. All right. A. Do I have that in front of me?	15	MR. LISUS: Thank you. You recall the
16	955		16	exchange; right?
16 17	900	Q. It's in page 873 at the bottom.	17	
		A. Yes, I have that in front of me.		MR. RATCLIFFE: Yes, I do.
18 10		MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Lisus, you've been	18	MR. LISUS: Okay.
19 20		referring to page numbers. What are those page	19	THE WITNESS: I'm handing them back
20		numbers?	20	now.
21		MR. LISUS: I don't know. They're page	21	MR. LISUS: Okay. This is an exhibit.
22		numbers on the top of	22	There's no exhibit stamp on this copy.
23		MR. RATCLIFFE: 873, 874, 875.	23	MR. MILAT: The next number will be 17.
0.4		MR. LISUS: on the top of the pages	24	MR. MATTHEWS: So CRE361148 will be
24 25		that I have.	25	Number 17.

1		Page 274 EXHIBIT NO. 17: CRE0361148.	1	967	Page 27 Q. Do you have any recollection as to
2		BY MR. LISUS:	2	- • /	whether the modernization of OLG and potential
3	960	Q. Now, sir, I understand from your	3		changes to SARP revenue share were on the agenda
4	500	clarification or amplification this morning of your	4		for February Cabinet meeting in December 2012?
5		job sequence, that you became deputy minister in	5		A. I wouldn't know when that was
6		December 2011?	6		scheduled for the Cabinet meeting.
				0.00	_
7	0.61	A. That's correct.	7	968	Q. Can we infer from the fact that
8	961	Q. And I take it that was the first	8		there's a draft minute circulated on December 12,
9		time that you really became involved in discussions	9		2012 excuse me, 2011, December 12th, 2011,
.0		regarding in any detail regarding the land-based	10		regarding the revenue sharing, that the issue was
.1		gaming review that was underway at OLG and the	11		planned to be on the February 8 Cabinet meeting?
.2		potential changes to the revenue-sharing	12		A. I think at the time and, again,
.3		arrangement in place at Slots at Racetrack Program?	13		I'm trying to recall the sequence. At the time,
.4		A. I think I would have been exposed	14		they were preparing material for a Cabinet meeting,
.5		earlier than that and gradually getting more	15		not knowing exactly when.
.6		information over time as they were developing their	16	969	Q. All right.
.7		modernization plans.	17		A. They may have, but I don't think
.8	962	Q. All right. Now, I have reviewed	18		we know exactly when Cabinet agenda would open up
9		the record in some detail, sir, and my review	19		for an item such as this.
20		indicates that in the second week of December 2011,	20	970	Q. So there's a package of material
1		Finance created a five-year approach for horse	21		being circulated here for a DM briefing tomorrow or
22		racing funding. Do you recall that?	22		gaming. And you were the DM as of December the
13		A. I recall different options being	23		12th; correct?
.5		developed. Some of them are phased in or phased	24		A. I'm trying to remember whether it
25					was December 11th. I so it was about that time.
25		out over three, five-year period, correct, after	25		was becember IIII. I so It was about that time.
1		Page 275	1	971	Page 2
1	0.62	one-year notice.	1	9/1	Q. Okay. So let's have a look at the
2	963	Q. Did you direct the development of	2		proposed five-year approach to the horse racing
3		those options?	3		industry which is provided there. And the
4		A. I did not direct those.	4		five-year approach speaks to regulation and funding
5	964	Q. Okay. Do you know who did direct	5		and industry sustainability; right?
6		the development of those options?	6		A. Where are you referring
7		A. I don't know in particular. I	7		specifically to?
8		know that the ministry was engaged right across the	8	972	Q. Well, the first page says:
9		board to look for savings.	9		"Government role with respect
.0	965	Q. Okay. So I want to show you	10		to horse racing industry."
.1		CRE18299. And while we dig that up, we're now in	11		Are you with me there?
.2		December. We're now on December the 12th, and I'm	12		A. I see that.
.3		going to show you a package of materials that has	13	973	Q. Okay. And it identifies the
.4		in it a draft Cabinet minute.	14		government's role under the proposed approach,
.5		I presume, sir and this was	15		which is regulation through the ORC; right?
.6		explained to me by prior witnesses that as of	16		A. I see that.
17		December 12, 2011, the February 8 Cabinet meeting	17	974	Q. And industry viability:
.8		had probably been booked already, but the agenda	18	J/1	"The government provides
			19		
		had not been set. Is that what you understand?			revenue to the industry that is
		A. I think there's regularly	20		generated through the provincial
20		scheduled Cabinet meetings	21		Pari-Mutuel Tax Reduction."
20 21	0.5.5		22		Do you see that?
19 20 21 22	966	Q. Yes.			
20 21 22 23	966	$\tilde{\text{A}}.$ and subcommittee meetings. The	23		A. I see that reference.
20 21 22	966	~		975	A. I see that reference.Q. And then the proposed approach

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1		Page 278 "Under the proposed approach,	1		Page 280 years, leaving aside the particular increments?
2		the government will no longer	2		A. Well, it was really tied to the
3		support industry program delivery	3		amount of savings, how quickly the savings could be
4		through the ORC. These programs	4		derived.
5		will be transitioned back to the	5	986	Q. Okay. And I presume it was tied
6		industry, and ORC will retain its	6	300	to the question of how quickly the savings could be
		-	'		
7		core regulatory responsibilities."	7		derived while balancing the impacts of a reduction
8		Do you see that?	8		in funding?
9	0.77.6	A. I see that reference.	9		A. Looking at all aspects, they would
10	976	Q. Do you know whether the ORC was	10		be looking at various proposals.
11		consulted about these proposed changes?	11	987	Q. Right. But you said the idea was
12		A. I suspect there's some level of	12		to get savings as quickly as possible; right?
13		engagement. I don't know exactly	13		A. If they would be looking at
14	977	Q. Do you know?	14		different phase-out options based on the savings
15		A. I don't know exactly what level of	15		they were trying to achieve.
16		engagement they would have had.	16	988	Q. And they were trying to when
17	978	Q. Do you know whether there was any	17		you say "savings," you mean increased revenue to
18		engagement?	18		the government?
19		A. That I cannot comment either way.	19		A. OLG.
20	979	Q. All right. And then under	20	989	Q. To OLG?
21		Funding, it says:	21		A. The overall modernization plan was
22		"The Pari-Mutuel Tax Reduction	22		to get up to a billion dollars in savings by some
23		will continue to be provided to the	23		future year. I can't recall exactly the date.
24		industry on an ongoing basis."	24	990	Q. In this context, when you say
25		Do you see that?	25		"savings," you're talking about an increase to the
		Page 279			Page 281
1		A. I see that reference.	1		revenue of OLG?
2	980	Q. And then it proposes that the	2		A. The net income coming from OLG to
3		Slots at Racetrack Program funding will be phased	3		the CRF, Consolidated Revenue Fund.
4		out over a five-year period.	4	991	Q. Right. But the question I asked
5		A. I see that reference as well.	5		you, sir, is did you understand at this time that
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7	ЯØТ	O. Now, who proposed or structured	6		
	981	Q. Now, who proposed or structured that particular phase-out? Do you know?	-		what the Finance officials were doing was trying to
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8		that particular phase-out? Do you know? A. I think	6 7 8		what the Finance officials were doing was trying to come up with a proposal that generated the greatest return of revenue to OLG while balancing the
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2		would start to talk about that. I'm just referring	2		pursuant to the Management Board of Cabinet Act
3		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3		which governed transfer payments; correct?
4	004	to that one specific reference you cited.			A. Sounds familiar.
	994	Q. My question to you, sir, was	4 5	1005	
5		whether you recall discussing with the ministry	-	1005	Q. And I wanted to show you a
6		officials what the consequences to the stakeholders	6		directive from 1998. And the Management Board of
7		in the SARP program would be of a five-year	7		Cabinet Act came into effect in 1990 and remains in
8		phase-out.	8		effect; correct?
9		A. I can't recall the specifics of	9		MR. RATCLIFFE: Do you know the answer
10		that conversation.	10		to that?
11	995	Q. Can you recall anything?	11		THE WITNESS: I can't confirm whether
12		MR. RATCLIFFE: Would it be helpful if	12		it's been revised over the years or not.
13		he had a chance to read that beyond just that one	13		BY MR. LISUS:
14		paragraph?	14	1006	Q. And I'm showing you a document
15		THE WITNESS: I think if I recall the	15		entitled "Transfer Payment Accountability Corporate
16		type of a Cabinet submission, it would identify	16		Policy Branch Program Management and Estimates
17		various options, other considerations, and the	17		Division Management Board Secretariat, September
18		reaction from the sector. I think our typical	18		29, 1998." Do you see that?
19		Cabinet submissions would identify those type of	19		A. I see that.
20		issues.	20	1007	Q. And if we look at the first page,
21		BY MR. LISUS:	21		it talks about mandatory requirements?
22	996	Q. My question to you, sir, was	22		A. I see that.
23		whether you recall discussing	23	1008	Q. And then the second page, there's
24		A. I can't recall the specifics of	24		agreements?
25		the conversation that happened.	25		A. I see that.
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1	997	Page 283 Q. Can you recall anything at all	1	1009	Page 285 Q. All transfer payments had to be
2	,,,,	specific or general?	2	2005	made pursuant to an agreement; correct?
3		A. The reaction from the industry was	3		R/F MR. ROSENBERG: I object, Counsel.
4		part of the considerations that would have been	4		You're asking the witness a legal question.
5		discussed at the time.	5		MR. LISUS: No, I'm not. This is the
6	998	Q. That's all you can tell me?	6		witness's area of responsibility. He's a Deputy
7	220	A. That is all that I can remember.	7		Minister of Finance.
, 8	999		8		MR. RATCLIFFE: You're asking about a
9	222	-	9		
		document indicates that starting in year two,			document before he became deputy, though. Have you
10		2013-14, a transfer payment transition program	10		seen this document before?
11		begins. Do you see that?	11		
			10		THE WITNESS: I would have seen
12	1000	A. On page 882?	12		different versions of it.
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2	1013	Q. But if the individual organization	2		to page
3		received funds, there had to be an agreement in	3		BY MR. LISUS:
4		place; correct?	4	1021	Q. "Entitlements are transfers that
5		A. They would have to agree to the	5		a government must make if the
6		terms and conditions to receive those funds.	6		recipient specified eligibility
7	1014	Q. Right, the terms and conditions of	7		criteria."
8		an agreement?	8		Do you see that?
9		A. To accept those funds, there would	9		MR. RATCLIFFE: He hasn't had a chance
10		have to be some type of agreement to the terms and	10		to read the whole document.
11		conditions before funds could flow.	11		BY MR. LISUS:
12	1015	Q. And if we see the terms of this	12	1022	Q. Let me ask you this, sir: Maybe
13		1998 directive, it says:	13		this will truncate the exercise. You and I can
14		"Transfer payments involve an	14		agree that there is no agreement under the
15		agreement between the province and	15		Management Board of Cabinet Act and the management
16		the recipient."	16		board directive on transfer payment accountability
17		Right?	17		with respect to the revenue-sharing arrangement
18		A. So an executed agreement would	18		from the Slots at Racetrack Program. Can we agree
19		be involve an agreement between the province and	19		on that?
20		the recipient.	20		A. Repeat that.
21	1016	Q. I understand, sir. And then the	21	1023	Q. There is no transfer payment
22		directive says:	22		agreement under the
23		"In the case of entitlement	23		A. So you're referring back to this
24		programs, the contractual	24		proposal?
25		arrangements will consist of written	25	1024	Q. No, I'm not.
1		Page 287 representations on the part of	1		Page 289 A. Okay.
2		recipients that they meet	2	1025	Q. I'm just saying
3		eligibility criteria supported by	3	1023	MR. RATCLIFFE: Do you know whether
4		whatever proofs are required by	4		there's an agreement?
5		particular programs."	5		BY MR. LISUS:
6		Right?	6	1026	Q. You and I can agree that there is
7		A. That's what it states.	7	1020	no agreement created under the Management Board of
8	1017	Q. And what does that mean?			
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2		you understand is between OLC and	2		people are there's staff to answer questions,
3		A. OLG?	3		that ministries come in, they present the materials
4	1030	Q. OLG, yes, and the respective	4		in advance.
5		racetracks; right?	5	1036	Q. So you say the minister was the
6		A. I don't know the legal entity,	6		chair of the Treasury Board?
7		per se.	7		A. Yes.
8		MR. RATCLIFFE: He indicated early on	8	1037	Q. Okay. Thank you. So take a look
9		yesterday that he wasn't familiar with these	9		at the transfer payments.
10		agreements, so I'm not sure why you're going down	10		MR. ROSENBERG: Counsel, what are these
11		this line.	11		documents you put before the witness? They seem to
12		BY MR. LISUS:	12		be a number of documents that you put together.
13	1031	Q. Now, in order to satisfy the	13		MR. LISUS: Transfer payment
14	1031	requirements of the management board directive on	14		accountability, management board directive on
15		transfer payment accountability, transfer payments	15		transfer payment accountability. That's what it is
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16		were required to have certain characteristics;	16		from 1998.
17		correct?	17		MR. ROSENBERG: That's the first couple
18		R/F MR. ROSENBERG: Objection. You're	18		of pages from what looks like 1998, but then we get
19		asking the witness a legal question.	19		into another section that's headed "Transfer
20	1000	BY MR. LISUS:	20		Payment Accountability Directive." There's no
21	1032	Q. Well, let's look at the transfer	21		cover to this. It just starts at page 1. What is
22		payments together with Mr. Orsini.	22		this, Counsel?
23		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, let's look at it,	23		BY MR. LISUS:
24		but, again, Mr. Orsini you're asking a legal	24	1038	Q. Tell me when you reviewed the
25		question.	25		document.
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1		MR. LISUS: No, I'm not. I'm asking	1		MR. ROSENBERG: Well, tell us what the
2		Mr. Orsini about an instrument that governs the	2		documents are, Counsel.
3		government's payment of money, which I understand	3		MR. LISUS: I have.
4		to be the defendant's position in this case, that	4		MR. ROSENBERG: You have not. This
5		the plaintiffs were receiving subsidies.	5		next one jumps to August
6		And I'm just trying to understand how	6		THE WITNESS: Is this the full
7		these subsidies were paid and where they came from.	7		document?
8		So I'm starting with the transfer payment regime.	8		BY MR. LISUS:
9		That's all.	9	1039	Q. Yes, this is the full transfer of
10		MR. RATCLIFFE: Perhaps it would be	10		payment accountability from September 1998, pages
11		helpful, then, if you give him an opportunity to	11		81 through to
12		read through.	12		A. Is it the most recent one?
13		BY MR. LISUS:	13	1040	Q. No. This is 1998, at the time
14	1033	Q. Sure. Take your time, sir.	14		SARP was established. We'll come to more recent
15		Aren't you a former chair of the Treasury Board,	15		ones in a minute. Okay?
16		Mr. Orsini?	16		A. And your question is?
17		A. No. That's the minister is the	17	1041	Q. My question is that the document
18		chair.	18		identifies or has a definition of transfer
19	1034	Q. Okay. What was your role at the	19		payments. Do you see that?
20		Treasury Board?	20		A. I'm just looking. What page are
21		A. Secretary of Treasury Board.	21		you on?
22	1035	Q. All right. What are the duties of	22	1042	Q. 85.
23	_000	the secretary of the Treasury Board?	23		A. I'm on page 85.
20		A. Is to ensure that there's agendas,	24	1043	Q. All right. Do you see where it
24		11. ID to clibate that there is agentas,	127	1013	2. ILL LIGHT. DO YOU BEE WHELE IT
24 25		briefing materials go in. I sign the minutes. I	25		says:

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1	"Government transfers are	1	your claim.
2	transfers of money from a government	2	MR. LISUS: The reason I'm asking
3	to an individual, an organization,	3	you we can mark this as the next exhibit.
4	or another government for which the	4	MR. MATTHEWS: So we'll mark the
5	government making the transfer does	5	document entitled "Transfer Payment
6	not, A, receive goods or services	6	Accountability," which is dated September 29, 1998,
7	directly in return as would occur in	7	six pages, as the next exhibit, number 18.
8	a purchase or sale transaction."	8	And, Mr. Orsini, if you could pass me
9	Right?	9	back the email that you had along with the
10	"Expect to be repaid in the	10	five-year proposed approach.
11	future as would be expected in a	11	EXHIBIT NO. 18: Document entitled
12	loan or expect a financial return as	12	"Transfer Payment Accountability" dated
13	would be expected in an investment."	13	September 29, 1998.
14	R/F MR. RATCLIFFE: You're asking	14	MR. MATTHEWS: So we'll mark the
15	Mr. Orsini to provide a legal interpretation to	15	document CRE18299 and its attachments as the next
16	this document, and he's not a lawyer. And if you	16	exhibit, Exhibit 19.
17	were to say whether he has been directly involved	17	EXHIBIT NO. 19: CRE0018299 and
18	in any of these matters, I mean, he can speak from	18	attachments.
19	his own personal experience, but here you're asking	19	BY MR. LISUS:
20	him to interpret a document, and I think this is	20	1044 Q. The next document I want to show
21	not a place to do that.	21	you is the New Transfer Payment Accountability
22	THE WITNESS: It also refers to another	22	Directive passed August 31, 2007. And if you just
23	document as part of the footnotes that I don't I	23	follow along with the document, you'll see that
24	haven't reviewed. And it's dealing with the public	24	there's a it identifies mandatory requirements,
25	sector accounting board standard.	25	monitoring and reporting, corrective action,
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1	MR. LISUS: You seem to be a little bit	1	et cetera.
2	uncertain about transfer payments, so perhaps I'll	2	And so my question to you, sir, is are
3	see if I can truncate this, Mr. Ratcliffe.	3	you aware of any transfer payment agreement
4	Is it the government's position that the	4	governing or referring to the sharing of revenue of
5	funds shared with the horse racing industry	5	the horse racing industry from the Slots at
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1		MR. LISUS: And to provide me a copy of	1		MR. RATCLIFFE: No.
2		any agreements if the Ontario government is of the	2		BY MR. LISUS:
3		position in this lawsuit that the revenue share	3	1050	Q. Well, transfer payments were quite
4		were transfer payments that reflect compliance with	4		strictly regulated by the management board
5		the Transfer Payment Accountability Directive and	5		secretariat, right, Mr. Orsini?
6		the Management Board of Cabinet Act.	6		A. I'm just reviewing this further.
7		U/A MR. RATCLIFFE: We'll take that under	7	1051	Q. You're not suggesting to me, sir,
8		advisement.	8	1031	that \$1.2 billion had been paid to the horse racing
9		MR. ROSENBERG: Counsel, you will	9		industry as transfer payments without any kind of
10		direct us to anything in your pleadings that raises	10		compliance with the directive that we've looked at,
		this issue?	11		•
11 12		MR. LISUS: Next exhibit.			are you?
			12		MR. RATCLIFFE: Mr. Lisus, I think he's
13		MR. MATTHEWS: So the Transfer Payment	13		indicated he doesn't know the answer to your
14		Accountability Directive, August 31, 2007,	14		question. And I'm wondering if this whole line of
15		Exhibit 20.	15		question
16		EXHIBIT NO. 20: Transfer Payment	16		BY MR. LISUS:
17		Accountability Directive dated	17	1052	Q. Yes, I'm corrected. It's actually
18		August 31, 2007.	18		3.4 billion.
19		BY MR. LISUS:	19		MR. RATCLIFFE: might be better
20	1045	Q. So the reason I asked you these	20		reserved to Ms. Yeigh on the actual
21		questions, Mr. Orsini, is when we were looking at	21		cross-examinations on the main part of the motion.
22		Exhibit 19, which was the five-year proposed	22		What the purpose behind these
23		approach, there's a reference to on page 2	23		examinations, as I understand from your material,
24		A. Is this the version I had earlier?	24		was to address whether or not the decision had been
25	1046	Q. Yes, sir. On page 2 under the	25		made irrationally or in bad faith. That's the
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1		Page 299 heading "OLG," second bullet, it says:	1		Page 301 whole focus of your
2		"In year two, OLG or government	2		MR. LISUS: That's one small part of
3		ministry will provide transfer	3		them.
4		payment funding to the ministry."	4		MR. RATCLIFFE: of your defence, of
5		Do you see that?	5		the summonses that were issued. So this issue, I
6		A. I see that reference.	6		don't see how it has any bearing on the
7	1047		7		
	1047				MR. LISUS: The purpose of these
8		that is as of the date of this five-year proposed	8		examinations is to put my best foot forward in
9		approach, there was no transfer payment funding to	9		response to your motion and to put a record forward
10		the industry in place?	10		in support of my cross-motion.
11		A. So as I understand this document,	11		BY MR. LISUS:
12		it's talking about a potential future state.	12	1053	Q. And so I'm just wondering, sir, as
13	1048	Q. And part of the potential future	13		the Deputy Minister of Finance in December 2011
14		state was to put into place transfer payment	14		whether you would have been surprised to know that
15		funding; right?	15		\$3.4 billion in transfer payments had been paid
16		A. That's what it's referred here, as	16		without compliance with the management board
17		I read it.	17		directive on transfer payment accountability. It
18	1049	Q. Which suggests to me, sir, that as	18		seems unlikely, doesn't it?
19		of the date of this document, there was no transfer	19		A. The general context was is the
20		payment funding in place; right?	20		government getting better value for money and is
21		MR. RATCLIFFE: Do you know the answer?	21		the accounting for the funds detailed in terms of
22		THE WITNESS: I'm not it doesn't	22		reporting. There was a number of context around is
23		say my read of it doesn't say either way.	23		the money flowing having the best benefits for the
23 24			24		
		MR. LISUS: Do you know the answer, Mr. Ratcliffe?	25	1054	sector. Q. I don't think that answers my
25				10074	

1		Page 302	1		Page 30 "Government to decide if OLG or
1		question, sir, but on the question of the			
2		accounting for the money, we know already how the	2		a government ministry will make
3		monies paid to the industry were accounted for;	3		transfer payments to industry over
4		right? We know that already. We saw that	4		the four-year period."
5		yesterday.	5		Do you see that?
6		They were accounted for by OLG and	6		A. I see the reference, yes.
7		audited by KPMG as an operating expense of OLG to	7	1062	Q. Okay. Can we agree, sir, that
8		earn a revenue and profit on its business	8		that indicates that there weren't any transfer
9		activities. That's how the SARP monies shared with	9		payments in effect as of the date of this five-year
10		the industry were accounted for; right?	10		approach?
11		A. The issue of	11		A. It's hard for me to comment. The
12	1055	Q. Correct? Sorry, no, but do you	12		will could be tied to the four-year period.
13		understand that?	13	1063	Q. Pardon?
14		A. The issue was how it was	14		A. I said the will
15		benefitting the sector at large in terms of	15	1064	Q. The will?
16	1056	Q. Sir, I'm asking you a different	16		A could be tied to the four-year
17	1030	question. I'm asking you an accounting question.	17		period, the duration.
18		\$3.4 billion of funds were shared with the industry	18	1065	
		- ·		1003	Q. All right. Are you aware, sir,
19		pursuant to the Slots at the Racetrack Program;	19		that in 2014 or so after funding was put in place,
20		correct?	20		transfer agreements were put in place in 2014? Do
21		A. As of a certain date.	21		you know that?
22	1057	Q. Right.	22		A. That I don't have offhand as to
23		A. Yeah, at a certain date, because	23		the arrangements that were entered into in 2014.
24		every year it changes.	24	1066	Q. Okay. When you I know you
25	1058	Q. You and I can agree we looked	25		don't recall any discussions, but was it your
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1		at this yesterday that those funds were	1		understanding in December 2011 that Finance was
2		accounted for by the Ministry of Finance's agent,	2		proposing a five-year phased approach to, in part,
3		OLG, as a commission, an operating expense in the	3		mitigate the consequences of a reduction in revenue
4		nature of a commission; correct?	4		shared with the horse racing industry?
5		A. We had that conversation	5		A. At the time of this proposal, one
6		yesterday.	6		of the options that Finance put forth was that.
7	1059	O. That's what the financial	7	1067	0. I take it that it was a five-year
8	2007	statements, as audited by KPMG, demonstrate; right?	8	2007	phase-out to mitigate the consequences of a loss of
9		A. Again, we had that conversation	9		revenue over five years; right?
10			10		
	1000	yesterday.			3
11	1060	Q. So can you and I agree, sir, that	11		that the government was looking for as part of the
12		there is no way that these funds which were	12		whole budget deliberations.
13		recorded by OLG as an operating expense to generate	13	1068	Q. Fair enough. Both factors both
14		revenue and profit were also reported as a transfer	14		were a factor; fair?
15		payment by the government?	15		A. I think as the deck points out, it
16		MR. RATCLIFFE: You are asking him a	16		listed all the considerations that they were
17		question. I think he has indicated that he doesn't	17		assessing at the time.
18		know the answer to that. You're asking a technical	18	1069	Q. Okay. So your understanding is
19		question in terms of whether it's a transfer	19		the deck listed all the considerations they were
20		payment or not, and I would say move on to your	20		assessing at the time?
21		next question.	21		A. I think staff put forward their
22		BY MR. LISUS:	22		assessment of the proposal.
	1061	Q. And my next question is about this	23		MR. RATCLIFFE: Take a moment and
23	T00T	Z. THE IN HOLE ARCOCTON TO WOOL CITY			
23 24		next decision point in the deck at the bottom of	124		review the deck
23 24 25		next decision point in the deck at the bottom of page 2 where it says:	24		review the deck. BY MR. LISUS:

1	1070	Page 306 Q. Okay. Now, attached to the deck	1		Page 30 because it's putting it right in the Cabinet
2		as well is a draft Cabinet minute. Do you see	2		minute.
3		that?	3		A. There's broader considerations.
4		A. I see on page 885, a working	4		Budget secrecy is often part of the considerations
5		draft.	5		of when to consult or when to engage. You can
6	1071	Q. All right. And this is the	6		engage someone up to one stage, then you go into
7		Cabinet minute which staff proposed be presented to	7		budget secrecy, and then you can begin to engage
8		the Cabinet; right?	8		after budget secrecy.
9		A. This was a working draft.	9		But that is part of the "as
10	1072	Q. Okay. In particular, what Finance	10		appropriate." I'm not sure exactly the intent
11		proposed here was the Ministry of Finance in	11		behind "as appropriate," but it could be because of
12		consultation with OLG, the Ontario Racing	12		budget secrecy.
13		Commission, and relevant ministries review the	13	1079	Q. We see that this draft Cabinet
14		government's financial support to the horse racing	14		minute talks about consultation. And by the way,
15		industry	15		the Ministry of Finance officials who prepared this
16		A. Could you cite the number for me?	16		would have been very well familiar with Cabinet
17		MR. RATCLIFFE: Which paragraph are you	17		secrecy; right?
18		at?	18		A. Cabinet secrecy, yes, and budget
19		BY MR. LISUS:	19		secrecy.
20	1073	O. Number 3.	20	1080	Q. Right. Excuse me, Cabinet secrecy
21	1075	A. Number 3. Okay. Sorry.	21	1000	and budget secrecy; right?
22	1074	Q. Take a minute.	22		A. They may not have the
23	1071	A. A different page 3.	23		authorization when to invoke budget secrecy.
24	1075	Q. Let's look at it together. The	24	1081	Q. But they're familiar with budget
25	1075	draft Cabinet minute says:	25	1001	secrecy?
43		draft capmet minute says.	23		Secrecy:
1		Page 307	1		Page 30
1		"MOF, Ministry of Finance, in	1		A. They would be subject to budget
2		consultation with OIG, the Ontario	2		secrecy, but they, themselves, wouldn't have
3		Racing Commission, and relevant	3		the authority to declare or insist on budget
4		ministries review the government's	4	1000	secrecy.
5		financial support to the horse	5	1082	Q. You were their boss at this point.
6		racing industry from the Slots at	6		You're the deputy minister; right?
7		Racetrack Program and 1996	7		A. If this is the time or the
8		Pari-Mutuel Tax Reduction."	8	1000	associate.
9		A. I see reference to that.	9	1083	Q. And we see that this minute sets
10	1076	Q. Okay. And the recommendation at	10		out a series of steps and including at C:
11		that point of Finance was to review with the ORC;	11		"Appointing a provincial lead
12		right?	12		to work with the industry in 2012 to
13		A. In consultation with.	13		'13 to produce a five-year plan that
14	1077	Q. Right. And we saw yesterday that	14		achieves industry sustainability for
1 -		there was, just a few months before this package of	15		2016 to '17."
		December 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding signed	16		Do you see that?
		between the ORC and the Ministry of Finance	17		A. I see that reference, yes.
16 17			10	1084	Q. And D:
16 17		pursuant to which the Ministry of Finance agreed to	18		"Ministry of Finance and any
15 16 17 18 19		pursuant to which the Ministry of Finance agreed to consult with the ORC about any policy changes;	19		MINISCLY OF FINANCE and any
16 17 18 19					relevant ministries to develop a
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16 17 18 19 20 21	1078	consult with the ORC about any policy changes; right? A. As appropriate, if I recall	19 20 21		relevant ministries to develop a proposed transfer payment program to
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		TEPHEN on February 13, 2018	1		D 040
1	1085	Page 310 Q. Do you recall in the OLG	1	1093	Page 312 Q. Do you recall what your
2		recommendation that we looked at yesterday	2		understanding was in December of 2011 of what the
3		reference to a transfer payment funding mechanism	3		consequences to the horse racing sector in
4		after it had implemented its decision to locate	4		particular, breeders would be of a five-year
5		slots out of racetracks and in cities? Do you	5		phase-out of the Slots at Racetrack Program?
6		recall seeing that?	6		A. The understanding that the sector
7		A. You said "implement its decision."	7		would act negatively towards it.
8		I don't think	8	1094	Q. But apart from how the sector
9	1086	0. Its recommendation.	9	1024	would react, did you have an understanding of what
10	1000	A. It's the government that makes the	10		the actual consequences would be on the sector's
11		decision.	11		investment in their horses and breeding operations?
12	1087		12		_
	1007				
13		recommendation to locate slot machines out of	13	1005	what that would entail.
14		racetracks	14	1095	Q. All right. Did you have any
15		A. Subject to the government's	15		general understanding of what
16		decision, they would then implement the	16		A. It would have reduced the
17		government's decision at that time.	17		footprint of the sector, is a general
18	1088	Q. Right. I'm just asking you, sir,	18		understanding.
19		do you remember OLG talking about putting a	19	1096	Q. Right. And at that time in
20		transfer payment funding system in place?	20		December 2011, were you in communication with
21		A. I can't recall exactly the words.	21		Mr. Drummond?
22	1089	Q. Okay. And if we see under D:	22		A. Yes.
23		"Obtain Treasury Board	23	1097	Q. Okay. And were you
24		management board approval for	24		A. Are we on a different topic?
25		proposed transfer payment programs	25	1098	Q. Yes, sir.
		Page 311			Page 313
1		to fund the horse racing industry	1		A. Because I wouldn't mind taking a
2		and reporting back to Cabinet by	2		short break.
3		late 2012 on the proposed transfer	3	1099	Q. That's fine.
4		payment programs."	4		Recess at 11:03 a.m
5		Do you see that? This is all in the proposed	5		Upon resuming at 11:06 a.m
6		Cabinet minute.	6		BY MR. LISUS:
7		A. I'm just reading the report back.	7	1100	Q. You were speaking with
8		Oh, page 5. I see that reference, yes.	8		Mr. Drummond in December 2012; correct?
9	1090	Q. Okay. So what the Finance staff	9		
	-070	Q. Okay. So what the Finance staff	ر ا		A. I spoke to him a number of times.
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1		Page 314 testified that he did not recommend the elimination	1		Page 316 did explicitly in that one aspect I did.
2		of the Slots at Racetrack Program revenue share?	2	1108	Q. All right. I want to show you
3		A. You mentioned that yesterday.	3		CRE18318. It's an email from Ben Valido, and it
4		MR. ROSENBERG: You asked these	4		says:
5		questions yesterday.	5		"Hi Morris, we had a briefing
6		BY MR. LISUS:	6		with our DM this week, and we're
7	1104	Q. You testified that his report	7		proposing the following text replace
8	1101	said did not say to end the arrangement or to	8		current text in Chapter 10 and 10-8
9		change it in some particular fashion. You're aware	9		recommendation re horse racing
10		of that?	10		industry."
11			11		Do you see that?
12		A. You're going to have to refer to the recommendations because	12		A. I see that.
13	1105		13	1100	
	1105	Q. This is what he said:		1109	Q. You were the DM; right?
14		"The recommendations dealing	14	1110	A. At that time.
15		with this issue are very atypical of	15	1110	Q. Right. And so what the proposed
16		the 366 recommendations. In almost	16		language is:
17		every case, they're very precise,	17		"In terms of provincial
18		and they're very action-oriented,	18		business subsidies for 2011 to 2012,
19		and this one is not, and it stands	19		Ontario's economic development
20		out in that regard. It says to do	20		programs for business is estimated
21		an evaluation of the arrangement.	21		at 315 million, and for the
22		It does not say to end the	22		agriculture is 163 million.
23		arrangement or to change it in some	23		The government's total direct
24		particular fashion, so it didn't	24		business support programming funds
25		automatically by itself lead to an	25		are 845 million for 2011 to '12
		Page 315			Page 317
1		action whereas the others were	1		which supports 50 programs across
2		intended to lead to a specific	2		seven government ministries."
3		action."	3		Do you see that?
4		That's what Mr. Drummond testified to.	4		A. I see that reference.
5		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, Mr. Orsini said	5	1111	Q. Now, what was the Ontario's
6		he didn't recall exactly what he had said, and it's	6		economic development programs? What were those?
7		there in the transcript, so	7		A. I don't know offhand. There was a
8		THE WITNESS: I think his report had	8		compilation of different programs.
9		recommendations in this area that I would refer you	9	1112	Q. Are those the programs that we're
10		to.	10		going to see summarized in Project 76?
11		BY MR. LISUS:	11		A. It doesn't reference Project 76,
1 1 1	1106	Q. Okay. But you understood, though,	12		so I can't say it is or isn't.
12		sir, which is what I'm trying to understand, in	13	1113	Q. Okay. Was the Slots at Racetrack
13			14		Program identified in any government records as one
13 14		December of 2011 that Mr. Drummond did not			
13 14 15		recommend any specific changes to the Slots at	15		of Ontario's economic development programs?
13 14 15 16		recommend any specific changes to the Slots at Racetrack Program revenue share; correct?	16		A. I can't recall whether that was
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1	Page 31 right?	3 1	Page 32 play here at all.
2	A. There's a variety of different	2	MR. LISUS: Is it Ontario's position
3	programs.	3	that funds shared with the horse racing industry
4	1116 Q. Right.	4	from the Slots at Racetrack Program was a subsidy?
5	A. Yes.	5	MR. RATCLIFFE: I don't have a position
6	1117 0. There must have been records	6	on that in terms of how you would characterize it.
7	pursuant to which those programs were administered;	7	Certainly funding was provided. And the use of the
8	right?	8	word "subsidy" can have a very specific meaning or
9	A. I'm sure there would be some type	9	not.
10	of documentation identifying the program's	10	MR. LISUS: Funding was provided by
11	eligibility criteria and so forth.	11	who?
12	1118 0. Who received funds for what	12	MR. RATCLIFFE: Funding was provided
13	purpose over what period of time; correct?	13	under the Slots at Racetrack Program, and it was
14	A. There would be that type of	14	with a termination of SARP that funding arrangement
15	information.	15	came to an end.
16	1119 Q. Who would keep that type of	16	MR. LISUS: Is it your position that
17	information?	17	the funds shared with the horse racing industry
18	A. Depending on the lead ministry.	18	were in the nature of a subsidy under any
19	So if it's economic development and growth, which	19	government program, including the transfer payment
20	is their current title it might have been	20	system, the economic development program, or any
21	different back then they would have been	21	other established government program?
22	tracking their programs. If it was agriculture and	22	MR. ROSENBERG: Counsel, this isn't a
23	food and rural affairs, they would be tracking	23	discovery. I don't understand why
24	their programs.	24	MR. LISUS: Excuse me, Mr. Rosenberg.
25	MR. LISUS: I would like you,	25	This is not your witness, and Mr. Ratcliffe can
	David 24		Day 20
1	Page 31 Mr. Ratcliffe, to undertake to inform me whether at	' ₁	Page 32 speak for himself. Don't interrupt.
2	any time between the inception of SARP and its	2	MR. RATCLIFFE: I'll take your question
3	termination revenue sharing with the horse racing	3	under advisement. I'm not going to provide you
4	industry was identified in any ministry's economic	4	with an answer there today.
5	development program, and if it was, to produce the	5	MR. LISUS: You know I'm entitled to
6	documents that reflect that.	6	the Crown's position on this.
7	U/A MR. RATCLIFFE: I'll take your request	7	MR. RATCLIFFE: What's that?
8	under advisement.	8	MR. LISUS: I am entitled to the
9	MR. LISUS: Is it your position,	9	Crown's position.
10	Mr. Ratcliffe, in this lawsuit that the revenue	10	U/A MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, that's fine.
11	share at Slots at Racetrack Program was a business	11	I'll take it under advisement, and we'll get back
	subsidy?	12	to you one way or another.
12	MR. RATCLIFFE: Under the regime,	13	BY MR. LISUS:
		111	1120 Q. In December of 2011, were you
13	funding was provided to the horse people under	14	
13 14		15	involved in any briefings with Dalton McGuinty
13 14 15	funding was provided to the horse people under		
13 14 15 16	funding was provided to the horse people under you know, under SARP. And I'm not sure what your	15	
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1	1100	Page 322	1		Page 324
1	1123	Q. Yes, sir. So just to orient	1		"Payments under SARP continue
2		you	2		for 2012 to 2013, and beginning in
3		MR. LISUS: Yes, the last document is	3		2013, OLG returns funds to the
4		the next exhibit in sequence.	4		consolidated revenue fund for
5		MR. MATTHEWS: This is CRE18318,	5		distribution by government to the
6		Exhibit 21.	6		industry via transfer payments."
7		EXHIBIT NO. 21: CRE0018318.	7		Right? Do you see that?
8		BY MR. LISUS:	8		MR. RATCLIFFE: Which paragraph? The
9	1124	Q. We saw that on December 12th,	9		second column?
10		you're being briefed on a five-year phase-out. Do	10		BY MR. LISUS:
11		you remember that?	11	1133	Q. The middle column, second bullet.
12		A. You showed me the document.	12		A. I see the reference, yes.
13	1125	Q. Right. We're now at December 28,	13	1134	Q. All right. So what's being
14		and we are seeing a slide being sent to	14		proposed there is that the revenue generated by the
15		Barry Goodwin, Barbara Hewett, Elizabeth Yeigh,	15		slot machines at racetracks or casinos go to OLG,
16		Tanya Watkins, and it says:	16		OLG sends the revenue up to the government,
17		"Note this slide has been	17		consolidate a revenue fund, and the consolidated
18		approved by the ADMO."	18		revenue fund pursuant to transfer payment
19		What is that?	19		agreements makes transfer payments to the horse
20		A. That's the assistant deputy	20		racing industry; correct?
21		minister's office.	21		A. This looks like it's proposing a
22	1126	Q. Okay. And the assistant deputy	22		change in how the funds flow to the sector.
23		minister was Mr. Goodwin?	23	1135	Q. In the manner that I just
24		A. That's correct.	24		described; right?
25	1127	Q. And he reported to you; right?	25		A. Yes.
		Page 323			Page 325
1		A. That's correct.	1	1136	Q. Okay. And it says in the third
2	1128	Q. All right. If we look over the	2		bullet:
3		page, we see that what appears to be proposed here	3		"By 2015 and 2016, the industry
4		by OLG is a horse racing proposed approach. This	4		receives 100 million in annual
5		is OLGSB2316. Take a look at the proposed	5		transfer payments from government."
6		approach.	6		Right?
7		A. Okay. I'm just reviewing it now.	7		A. It says the third bullet point,
8	1129	Q. Sure. It may be I'm informed	8		yes, I see the reference.
9	1127	that the documents indicate that Finance generated	9	1137	Q. All right. Do you recall, sir, at
		3		1137	
10		this proposal, put it on an OLG deck, and	10		the end of December receiving this proposal from
11		circulated it. Okay. So	11		Finance staff?
12		A. I can't confirm that.	12		A. I'm not copied on the email, but
13	1130	Q. I know that. I'm just correcting	13		as I pointed out earlier, they were looking at a
14		the record.	14		number of options.
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1141	recipients; right? A. Yes. Q. Do you also see in the deck at the bottom right-hand corner where it says:	1 2 3		have been prepared for briefing the Premier. MR. RATCLIFFE: Take a moment to review the deck.
1141	Q. Do you also see in the deck at the	3		
1141	~ -			the deck.
	bottom right-hand corner where it says:	١.		
		4		BY MR. LISUS:
	"Horse racing in Quebec	5	1150	Q. Now, if we look at page 16 of the
	collapsed at the end of 2008 when	6		deck, it says at the top:
	the Quebec government abruptly	7		"In development of these new
	stopped support to the horse racing	8		proposals, OLG drew on extensive
	industry with slots."	9		stakeholder consultation and market
	A. I do see that reference.	10		intelligence."
1142	Q. Do you recall being aware, sir, in	11		Do you see that?
	December of 2011 that the Quebec horse racing	12		A. Just give me a second to find the
		13		page. I see the title, yes.
		14	1151	Q. All right. So was it your
		15		understanding, sir, as part of the Ministry of
1143	-			Finance that as of December 2011, January 2012,
				that OLG had drawn on extensive stakeholder
				consultation and market intelligence?
				A. I wouldn't be surprised by the
				fact that they were actively engaged, had
				consultants on board.
	-		1152	Q. Right. You would have expected
	·		1132	them to have done so having regard to the
1144				consequences of the recommendations they were
1111	*			making; right?
	A. With different jurisdiction.	23		maxing/ right:
1115	Page 327	1		Page 329
1143				A. The scope of their modernization in terms of their land-based casinos, a number of
	_			•
1116				things they were looking at. The premise was
1140	<u> </u>		1150	looking at changing their footprint.
		-	1153	Q. And also you understood that as
		'		part of the stakeholder consultation and analysis,
				they had discussed the proposal as it says with
		-		ongoing ORC work to improve accountability and
				performance in the horse racing sector. Do you see
				that on the slide under 1? Cross-referenced
	2 ~			with ongoing ORC work
1147				A. I see that reference, yes.
		13	1154	Q. All right. And so I take it, sir,
		14		that you as the deputy minister and being new to
	This is OLGSB2315 and 2316.	15		this portfolio took some comfort in what you
	EXHIBIT NO. 22: OLGSB0002315 and	16		understood to have been a very thorough and
	OLGSB0002316.	17		extensive consultation process undertaken by the
	BY MR. LISUS:	18		OLG with stakeholders, including the horse racing
1148	Q. I want to show you OLG1359, which	19		industry and ORC, about the changes which were
	is a January 3, 2012, slide deck. It's called the	20		being presented to you as a recommended approach?
	Premier Deck.	21		A. We would have expected that they
	MR. MATTHEWS: This was Exhibit 5 on	22		engage the sector.
	Mr. Bardeesy's examination.	23	1155	Q. And the regulator of the sector;
	Mr. Bardeesy's examination. BY MR. LISUS:	23 24	1155	Q. And the regulator of the sector; right?
1 1 1	11143 11144 11145 11147	industry had collapsed when revenue share with slots was abruptly stopped? A. Repeat that. Q. Do you recall being aware in December 2011 or early 2012 that the horse racing industry in Quebec had collapsed as a result of the government abruptly stopping sharing revenue from slots? A. So that point was made in the context. Different sector, different circumstance between Ontario Q. Different sector? A. With different jurisdiction. Page 327 Q. Different province you mean? A. Different province but also a different type of profile. Q. What was different? A. In terms of the Pari-Mutuel support, in terms of the size that the the significance of one big racetrack in Toronto Ontario versus Quebec, that the profile sector differed. The point being, though, it did go through a major restructuring as a result of the changes in Quebec. Q. Okay. MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: I believe we're at 22. This is OLGSB2315 and 2316. EXHIBIT NO. 22: OLGSB0002315 and OLGSB0002316. BY MR. LISUS: Q. I want to show you OLG1359, which	industry had collapsed when revenue share with slots was abruptly stopped? A. Repeat that. Q. Do you recall being aware in December 2011 or early 2012 that the horse racing industry in Quebec had collapsed as a result of the government abruptly stopping sharing revenue from slots? A. So that point was made in the context. Different sector, different circumstance between Ontario Q. Different sector? A. With different jurisdiction. Page 327 Q. Different province you mean? A. Different province but also a different type of profile. Q. What was different? A. In terms of the Pari-Mutuel support, in terms of the Pari-Mutuel support, in terms of the size that the the significance of one big racetrack in Toronto Ontario versus Quebec, that the profile sector differed. The point being, though, it did go through a major restructuring as a result of the changes in Quebec. 1147 Q. Okay. MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: I believe we're at 22. This is OLGSB2315 and 2316. EXHIBIT NO. 22: OLGSB0002315 and OLGSB0002316. BY MR. LISUS: Q. I want to show you OLG1359, which	industry had collapsed when revenue share with slots was abruptly stopped? A. Repeat that. Q. Do you recall being aware in December 2011 or early 2012 that the horse racing industry in Quebec had collapsed as a result of the government abruptly stopping sharing revenue from slots? A. So that point was made in the context. Different sector, different circumstance between Ontario 1144 Q. Different sector? A. With different jurisdiction. Page 327 A. Different province you mean? A. Different province but also a different type of profile. Q. What was different? A. In terms of the Pari-Mutuel support, in terms of the size that the the significance of one big racetrack in Toronto Ontario versus Quebec, that the profile sector differed. The point being, though, it did go through a major restructuring as a result of the changes in Quebec. 1147 Q. Okay. MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: I believe we're at 22. This is OLGSB2315 and 2316. EXHIBIT NO. 22: OLGSB0002315 and OLGSB0002316. BY MR. LISUS: Q. I want to show you OLG1359, which 19

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1	1156	Q. Because that's good policy making;	1	1166	Q. And you understood and expected
2		right?	2		that the stakeholder the extensive stakeholder
3		A. I think as part of any	3		consultation process, which had been referred to,
4		understanding, you'd want to understand the	4		included consultation with the stakeholders who
5		environment.	5		would be affected by the proposed recommendations;
6	1157	Q. All right. And what we see here	6		right?
7	1137	proposed under the horse racing recommended	7		A. That's correct.
			8	1167	
8		approach is on page 21 of the deck?	-	110/	Q. All right. And you relied on the
9		A. Are you saying this is an OLG	9		OLG people who were involved in the process to have
10		deck?	10		done that?
11	1158	Q. Yes, it's an OLG deck that was	11		A. I would have understood they had
12		sent to the Premier's office.	12		some level of engagement with the sector.
13		A. Okay. I haven't seen this deck.	13	1168	Q. And you would also have relied, I
14	1159	Q. Right. We see here that what OLG	14		presume, on Finance staffers to have done the
15		is recommending is a proposed approach whereby	15		necessary consultation and analysis of impacts of
16		government announces end of SARP and introduces a	16		proposed recommendation?
17		three-year plan to assist the industry in becoming	17		A. They would have spoken to a number
18		viable with reduced government support.	18		of folks and used whatever information they had
19		MR. RATCLIFFE: Which bullet point and	19		available to them.
20		which column are you referring to?	20	1169	Q. Okay. And I just want to read you
21		THE WITNESS: It's similar to the	21		Mr. Phillips' testimony about what OLG had, in
22		slide. I don't know if it's identical, but it	22		fact, done in November.
23		looks similar to the one we talked about earlier.	23		Q. "And although you have done
24		BY MR. LISUS:	24		quite a lot of study in support of
25	1160	O. It's the same one. Seems to be	25		the recommendations that were
	1100	Q. It is the balle one. Beellis to be	23		CHE TECOMMERCACETORIS CHAC WETE
1		Page 331	,		Page 333
1		the same one.	1		made we discussed them, June,
2		A. Yeah.	2		October, November you hadn't done
3	1161	Q. Step down	3		a study of what the impact would be
4		A. I didn't do a word check, but it	4		with cessation of sharing of SARP
5		looks similar.	5		revenue; correct?
6	1162	Q. Step down commencing 2012, and	6		A. That's correct.
7		then \$100 million in annual transfer payments.	7		Q. And neither had the government?
8		A. I see that reference.	8		A. Not that I'm aware of.
9	1163	Q. You understood as the deputy	9		Q. All that was known at the time
10		minister that because OLG was saying it had	10		that this direction was given was
11		undertaken extensive stakeholder consultation,	11		that there would likely have been a
12			10		gallange of the house meains
		including with the regulator, that it had measured	12		corrapse or the norse racing
13			13		collapse of the horse racing industry?
13		or understood what the impact would be of the	13		industry?
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2		completely, the industry would collapse. That's	2	1179	Q. All right. And we saw from the
3		what he testified to.	3		prior deck that the approach that your ministry was
4		A. He also said he didn't review it.	4		putting forward was a five-year phase-out approach;
5	1171	Q. Okay. The deck says that when it	5		right?
6	11/1	was withdrawn in Quebec, the industry collapsed;	6		A. That was the approach they were
7		right? It doesn't qualify that in any way?	7		proposing at that time.
8				1100	
		A. In our conversations, the point	8	1180	Q. Okay. "They" being the Ministry
9		was raised and the question was asked, well, are	9		of Finance at that time; right?
10	1100	they the same type of economic activity	10		A. At that time.
11	1172	Q. And so you had	11		MR. LISUS: Next exhibit.
12		A different wagering, different	12		MR. ROSENBERG: For identification
13		reliance. Some tracks were very successful, very	13		only. I think that this witness
14		successful, relied on less Slots at Racetrack	14		THE WITNESS: I did not see that deck.
15		revenue. Some were dependent on it.	15		I wasn't copied.
16		And so it wouldn't translate exactly	16		MR. ROSENBERG: And Mr. Bardeesy wasn't
17		what happened in Quebec to Ontario, and that's	17		able to recall it either.
18		what the reason why I asked the ministry to look	18		THE WITNESS: I didn't see Ministry of
19		at what it would do.	19		Finance as part of that email trail.
20	1173	Q. Okay. To return to what we said	20		MR. MATTHEWS: All right. So it will
21		earlier, you understood, sir, as the deputy	21		be Exhibit G.
22		minister in late 2011, early 2012 that the folks at	22		EXHIBIT NO. G for Identification:
23		OLG had undertaken their consultation and analysis,	23		OLGSB0001359 and OLGSB0001360.
24		including expert analysis, and the Ministry of	24		BY MR. LISUS:
25		Finance had done the same thing; right?	25	1181	Q. Now, I want to show you the next
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1		Page 335 A. We had done review based on the	1		deck here, sir. We're now on the 19th of January
2		information we had.	2		2012, CRE214397. And this is entitled the
3	1174	Q. Okay. So we can see that as of	3		subject is "Material DM Briefing." You're the
4		December 28, the horse racing recommended approach	4		deputy minister on January 19?
5		is the phase-out and \$100 million annual transfer	5		A. That's correct. Of 2012.
6		payments; right?	6	1182	Q. Correct. And this deck you would
7		A. That's the option that's on this	7	1102	have seen, right, because you were briefed on it?
8			8		A. And this was leading up to a
_	1175	page, yes.	•		Cabinet committee.
9	1175	Q. All right. In fairness, sir, it	9		Capinel Committee.
10		in the	110	1100	
10		is the proposed approach that is presented;	10	1183	Q. Yes, because
11		correct?	11	1183	Q. Yes, because A. I would have seen a deck. Whether
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1		Page 338 fiscal prep committee as of 19 January 2012; right?	1		Page 340 committee.
2		A. Correct.	2	1197	Q. And who would be on the fiscal
3	1187	Q. This is a deck composed by the	3		prep committee?
4		jobs and economic policy committee; right?	4		A. That would be senior Premier's
5		A. This is a deck that would have	5		office and senior Cabinet office people.
6		gone to the jobs and economic policy committee.	6	1198	Q. Including you?
7	1188	Q. For the purposes of making	7		A. I was not on that committee, but I
8		proposals and giving you information about the	8		would be presenting.
9		impacts of those proposals; right?	9	1199	Q. Okay.
10		A. This would be providing feedback,	10		A. I think this committee I would be
11		reaction, direction.	11		a regular attendee, but it wasn't my committee to
12	1189	Q. Right. Including proposed	12		chair or cochair.
13		financial impacts; right?	13	1200	Q. So this is a proposal; correct?
14		A. This is a Cabinet committee, if I	14		A. I would say yes.
15		understand correctly, so the Cabinet committee	15	1201	Q. And
16		wouldn't give us financial impacts.	16		A. A draft proposal.
17	1190	Q. Sir, I'm looking at the document.	17	1202	Q. Right. And on the first slide,
18		Okay? On Slide 12, it says "proposed financial	18		1D, summary of proposal:
19		impacts." On Slide 13, it says "economic impact."	19		"End the Slots at Racetrack
20		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, give Mr. Orsini a	20		Program and establish a transfer
21		moment to	21		payment program to provide ongoing
22		THE WITNESS: You're asking me whether	22		funding to the horse racing
23		this would be presented to the committee. I	23		industry."
24		understood you to say the committee would be	24		Right?
25		providing economic financial feedback. So I just	25		A. That's what it says in the deck.
		Page 339			Page 341
1		wanted to be clear.	1	1203	Q. Okay. And if we go over to this
2		BY MR. LISUS:	2		fourth slide, which is initiative 1B; right? Do
3	1191	Q. This is a deck composed, I	3		you see that?
4		understand, by the Ministry of Finance jobs and	4		A. No, I need to go initiative 1B.
5		economic policy committee; is that correct?	5		I need to go on the screen.
6		A. This is a deck that was prepared	6		MR. RATCLIFFE: Take a moment to read
7		for this committee	7		the
8	1192	Q. Okay.	8		THE WITNESS: And what are you asking
9		A that was going to a fiscal prep	9		me to look at, in particular?
10		committee to review before it went to the jobs and	10		BY MR. LISUS:
11		economic policy committee of Cabinet.	11	1204	Q. Look at initiative 1A is expand
		Q. Okay.	12		the land-based gaming sites; correct?
	1193	Q. Ordy.			
12	1193	A. So there is a number of steps	13		A. Right. So this is a broad OLG
12 13 14	1193				A. Right. So this is a broad OLG modernization.
12 13 14	1193 1194	A. So there is a number of steps	13	1205	
12 13 14 15 16		A. So there is a number of steps along the way before material went to Cabinet. Q. Okay. A. This would be one of the steps	13 14	1205	modernization. Q. Correct. And then initiative 1B is one aspect of the implementation of that
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1		Page 342 action we saw in the prior document; right?	1		Page 344 which included senior officials of the Cabinet
2		A. It looks similar.	2		office and the Premier
3	1207	Q. And we know that a month has	3		A. No, no, not the Premier. This
4		passed well, almost a month. December 28 to	4		fiscal prep is senior people in the Premier's
5		January 19 has passed, and this continues to be the	5		office.
6		recommended course of action; right?	6	1216	Q. But not him?
7		A. At that time, yes.	7		A. But not the Premier.
8	1208	Q. All right. Initiative 1A we	8	1217	Q. Do you know that for a fact?
9		talked about a second ago, which was the broader	9		A. Yes.
10		OLG modernization process; correct?	10	1218	Q. Okay.
11		A. Expanding land-based gaming sites.	11		A. Fiscal prep committee has no
12	1209	O. Yes. As we discussed a few	12		elected officials.
13		minutes ago, it was your understanding that OLG had	13	1219	Q. Okay. What about Mr. Gene? Would
14		completed its extensive consultation with	14		he have been there?
15		stakeholders process with respect to the expansion	15		A. He would not have been.
16		of land-based gaming and the consequences of its	16	1220	O. Who would have been there from the
17		recommendations; right?	17		Premier's office? Mr. Bardeesy?
18		A. I don't know if I'd go as far as	18		A. Karim Bardeesy would have been in
19		to say "completed." There were ongoing	19		attendance. I'd say it's cochaired by the
20		discussions, even to the point in terms of talking	20		secretary Cabinet.
21		to individual municipalities in terms of locating	21	1221	O. Who is that?
22		gaming sites. I can't attest to the fact that	22		A. It would have been Peter Wallace
23		they've exhausted all their options.	23		at the time. And the principal secretary to the
24	1210	Q. So you thought that they may	24		Premier, that could have been Chris Morin (ph).
25		still, in fact, be consulting	25	1222	Q. Okay. Jamison Steeve?
1		Page 343 A. There is always different elements	1		Page 345 A. He might have been there as well.
2		of consultation.	2	1223	O. You would have been there?
3	1211		3	1223	•
3 4	1211	Q. Right. So you thought that they	4		A. I would have been as Deputy Minister of Finance.
5		may still be consulting with stakeholders; right? A. You said the word "complete." I	5	1224	
5 6		-	6	1224	Q. Why are there no elected officials?
7	1212	just don't know if they were complete or not.	7		
8	1212	Q. Okay. And part of this deck is to	8		
-		identify the key risks and considerations; correct?	-		there's other committees where elected officials
9		A. If you could turn me to that page.	9	1005	are that sit on.
10	1010	Is this Slide 8?	10	1225	Q. Okay. And so as you understood
11	1213	Q. I'm just yes, I'm just	11		it, sir, the deck which you were given summarized
12		following the deck. So Slide 8, yes, key risks and	12		the risks and considerations, the stakeholder
13		considerations.	13		considerations, and the proposed financial impact
1 /		A. Okay. So I have the deck, that page in front of me.	14		and economic impact; right?
14		NAME THE FROM OF ME.	15		A. All of those you're going
15	1014		10		through the titles of each of the clider
15 16	1214	Q. Okay.	16	1226	through the titles of each of the slides?
15 16 17	1214	Q. Okay. A. Could you go back to Slide 8 on	17	1226	Q. Yes.
15 16 17 18	1214	Q. Okay. A. Could you go back to Slide 8 on the screen? That's it no. No. Key risks.	17 18		Q. Yes. A. Yes. You reference it.
15 16 17 18 19	1214	Q. Okay. A. Could you go back to Slide 8 on the screen? That's it no. No. Key risks. It's Slide 8. I just can't see the print here.	17 18 19	1226 1227	Q. Yes. A. Yes. You reference it. Q. And the economic impact of the
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1		approximately 3,000 net new permanent jobs; right?	1		meeting, I want to show you CRE361127. If you look
2		A. I see that.	2		at the beginning of this email sequence, sir, it
3	1229	Q. And that data would have come from	3		appears to concern a discussion that was underway
4		the office of economic policy; correct?	4		about language in the Drummond report.
5		A. It would have, I believe, come	5		A. Just give me a second here to
6		from a variety of sources. The job the net new	6		review it.
7		permanent jobs would be office of economic policy.	7		MR. RATCLIFFE: Yeah, take your time to
8		The revenue would likely be OLG, and the private	8		read through it.
9		capital investment would likely be OLG.	9		THE WITNESS: Okay. I had a chance to
10	1230	Q. Thank you. And then at 17, there	10		peruse this.
11		is the proposed Cabinet minute. Slide 17 is a	11		BY MR. LISUS:
12		proposed Cabinet minute.	12	1235	Q. Do you recall this?
13		A. So that looks similar to the	13		A. It's an email I don't recall
14		option that was discussed earlier.	14		the specifics of the email, but I do recall
15	1231	Q. What is the purpose of developing	15		corresponding back and forth.
16		a proposed Cabinet minute for review and approval?	16	1236	Q. Do you recall a request being made
17		A. It goes through a review process	17		of Mr. Drummond to strengthen his recommendation on
18		in terms of here's the minute that will be put in	18		Slots at Revenue going to horse racing industry
19		front of Cabinet for a decision, and so the idea of	19		from the words "reevaluate and address to make it
20		having a draft minute is to ensure people	20		stronger"?
21		understand what's in the minute and to have a	21		A. So there was an email from Cabinet
22		chance to comment on that minute before it went	22		office saying points to make to Don in order of
23		forward.	23		priority in there asking and I was one of the
24	1232	Q. Okay. But the idea is to compose	24		addressees to the email to strengthen the
25		a minute that Cabinet is being asked to decide on;	25		lanquage.
1		Page 347 right?	1	1237	Page 349 Q. Right. You wanted him to say
2		A. Is to bring forward a minute for	2	220,	to use stronger language than "reevaluate and
3		Cabinet to review and decide on.	3		address." Right?
4	1233	Q. Okay.	4		A. The direction I got from Scott was
5	1233	MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.	5		to provide stronger language.
6		MR. ROSENBERG: For identification.	6	1238	Q. Got it. So the direction you got
7		MR. LISUS: I don't think so. He was	7	1230	from Scott, who was in the Cabinet office, was to
8		at the meeting.	8		ask Mr. Drummond to use stronger language than
9		MR. ROSENBERG: Was he able to identify	9		"reevaluate and address." Right?
10		the document?	10		A. It was part of the broader context
1 10		the document:			A. It was part of the broader context
111		MP ITCIC: That I a not the test	111		of overall gavings in the greaton. And so I looked
11		MR. LISUS: That's not the test,	11		of overall savings in the system. And so I looked
12		Mr. Rosenberg.	12		at the language. So I was asked to look at the
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2		with a difficult task of balancing the budget.	2	1249	Q. You don't know whether or not he
3		There were tough tough decisions had been made	3		was briefed on what the consequences would be of a
4		and that we needed to be looking for more savings	4		termination of the revenue share?
5		across the board.	5		A. No, I don't know if he was briefed
6		And so I did provide him language on	6		on that.
7		strengthening the language in this one area. I	7	1250	Q. But you knew that he hadn't
8		don't have that I don't see my response in the	8	1250	evaluated that?
9		material you gave me.	9		A. I don't think he conducted not
10			10		that I'm aware of.
11		I mean, I was speaking to Don Drummond		1251	
12		about our credit rating, our deficit targets, our	11 12	1231	Q. Right. He testified that he did not, and it was not his mandate to evaluate the
		spending trajectory. There was a number of things			
13		I was talking to Don about. This would have been	13		impact of termination of revenue share on horse
14	1040	one of many.	14		racing.
15	1242	Q. Did you talk with Don about	15		A. If you looked at his overall
16		recommending that the revenue sharing from Slots at	16		mandate, he didn't delve into every nook and cranny
17		Racetrack Program be eliminated?	17		within every government program, but he had a lot
18		A. I don't think I talked I don't	18		of substantive recommendations that led to tough
19		recall.	19		choices for government to make.
20	1243	Q. Okay. Did you tell Don well, I	20	1252	Q. Did you understand that
21		suppose as of January 25, there was only discussion	21		Mr. Drummond had discussed the land-based gaming
22		or recommendation from Finance staff of a reduction	22		review with OLG or anyone at OLG?
23		over three years and \$100 million transfer payment	23		A. I'd be surprised if he wasn't
24		going forward in 2015; correct? That was the	24		briefed on that.
25		recommended approach as of January 25?	25	1253	Q. You would be?
		Page 351			Page 353
1		A. At that time. So of any language	1		A. I'm sure he would be. I just
2		I would have given Don for consideration he	2		don't know to what depth and by whom.
3		makes his own decisions	3	1254	Q. Why did you expect he would be?
4	1244	Q. Right.	4		A. It was a significant part of the
5		A would have been to talk about	5		activity going on about generating revenue. He was
6		reductions.	6		tasked with looking at how is it going to deliver
7	1245	Q. Did you speak with Mr. Drummond	7		on its deficit target and have to balance.
8		after January 25 and before the Cabinet meeting of	8		He was highly critical of a number of
9		February 28 about the elimination of Slots at	9		different programs and the value for taxpayer money
10		Racetrack Program	10		that the province was generating. And that would
11		A. I don't recall.	11		be that would be a signature item at least
12	1246	Q revenue share?	12		within the Ministry of Finance.
13		A. I don't recall having a	13	1255	Q. Mr. Drummond never did put in the
14		conversation with him.	14		stronger language than "reevaluate" with respect to
15	1247	Q. Okay.	15		Slots at Racetrack Program revenue share; correct?
16		A. I had many conversations with him	16		A. I don't recall exactly what his
17		on a variety of different topics.	17		words were, but Don Drummond makes his own
18	1248	Q. And you knew that Mr. Drummond, of	18		decisions.
19		course, hadn't evaluated what the impact would be	19	1256	Q. His words are recommendation 17,
20		on racetracks and the breeding sector if the SARP	20		4:
21		revenue share was terminated?	21		"Reevaluate on the value for
22		A. I know he was briefed from all	22		money basis, the practice of
23		ministries on their assessment, so he may not have	23		providing a portion of net slot
		conducted it independently, but he would have been	24		revenue to the horse racing and
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24 25		briefed from a number of different groups on their	25		breeding industry and municipalities

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1		Page 354 in order to substantially reduce and	1	1265	Page 356 Q. We're now January 26, CRE87519.
2		better target that support."	2	1205	A. January 26. Is there material for
3		That's what his recommendation was.	3		me to look at?
4		A. What was the last part? To	4	1266	Q. This is a government deck final.
5			5	1200	~ 3
	1057	substantially reduce and better target?			This is on January 26, sir. And it states on the
6	1257	Q. Yes.	6		third page of the deck "summary of proposal." We
7	1050	A. Right.	7		see the proposal is with respect to the
8	1258	Q. The last discussion you recall	8		modernization of gaming and the two business
9		with Mr. Drummond was January 25, at around that	9		lines the two general business lines: Lottery
10		time?	10		and gaming; right?
11		A. So I spoke to him on a fairly	11		A. I see that.
12		frequent basis up until when his report was	12	1267	Q. And the second bullet point is:
13		released and after the report.	13		"We did substantial
14	1259	Q. Okay.	14		consultations with stakeholders and
15		A. I can't recall specifically when	15		validated our analysis with external
16		on this particular topic I would have spoken to	16		experts."
17		him.	17		Right? Do you see that?
18	1260	Q. And do you think it's likely, sir,	18		MR. RATCLIFFE: Sorry, which bullet
19		that you spoke to him about a proposal that was to	19		point is that?
20		reduce support over three years and then have a	20		MR. LISUS: Pardon?
21		\$100 million annual transfer payment going forward?	21		MR. RATCLIFFE: It doesn't appear to
22		A. I don't recall the specifics of	22		MR. LISUS: The third slide.
23		getting into that proposal.	23		MR. RATCLIFFE: Down at the bottom,
24	1261	Q. Okay. You don't recall one way or	24		outside the box. We see it now.
25		the other?	25		BY MR. LISUS:
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1		Page 355 A. Yes.	1	1268	Page 357 Q. And I want to just pause here.
2	1262	O. We know that that was the	2		You see that, the reference to substantial
3		recommended approach at the meeting of January	3		consultation?
4		19th?	4		A. Yeah. Normally when they give
5		A. That was the proposal that the	5		them a deck, we don't see their speaking points.
6		ministry was bringing forth for direction.	6		I'm seeing it now.
7	1263	Q. It's more than a proposal, sir.	7	1269	Q. So you're saying that the entries
8	1205	It was a recommendation; right?	8	1200	beneath the square entitled "Summary of Proposal"
9		A. I think there's a recommendation	9		are the speaking points for the presenters who are
10		for five years earlier.			
	1001	· .	10		going to present the deck?
11	1264	Q. Okay.	11	1070	A. That's how I read this.
12		MR. LISUS: All right. This email is	12	1270	Q. All right. Take a look at page
13		the next exhibit, January 25, 2012.	13		27. Just flip forward to page 27.
14		MR. ROSENBERG: For identification.	14	1001	A. So it's a placeholder slot.
15		This hasn't been identified by the witness.	15	1271	Q. Right. It says:
16		MR. MATTHEWS: He's a recipient of the	16		"This slide will be customized
17		email, Mr. Rosenberg.	17		with public interest impacts
18		MR. ROSENBERG: Maybe I'm looking at	18		relating to the ministry for the
19		different emails. I don't have a copy of that in	19		following ministers."
20		front of me.	20		And it lists a number of ministers; right?
21		MR. MATTHEWS: CRE361127. That will be	21		A. I see that.
22		the next exhibit.	22	1272	Q. Did you understand, sir, that
23		MR. ROSENBERG: You have my objection.	23		there was going to be a consultation let me say
24		EXHIBIT NO. 24: CRE0361127.	24		a briefing process within a few days of January 26
25		BY MR. LISUS:	25		to let key ministers know about what the proposed
24		EXHIBIT NO. 24: CRE0361127.	24		a briefing process within a few days of January

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1		approach or the recommended approach was going to	1		in any briefings with Mr. Bardeesy and the Premier?
2		be at the upcoming Cabinet meeting?	2		A. No.
3		A. Yes. So that's not unusual where	3	1282	Q. Or Mr. Bardeesy and Mr. Duncan?
4		they brief ministers in advance to have a better	4		A. When the Premier's office is
5		understanding.	5		there, typically not.
6	1273	O. We heard from Mr. Shortill and	6	1283	Q. Okay.
7		Mr. Stransky that they briefed a number of	7		A. I mean, I've had my own briefings
8		ministers in advance as to what the recommended	8		with the Minister of Finance being his deputy
9		approach was.	9		minister.
10		A. They're at those meetings.	10	1284	Q. Okay. And do you recall what
11	1274	Q. You were not?	11	1201	Minister Duncan's preferred approach was to the
12	12/1	A. I was not.	12		Slots at Racetrack Program revenue sharing at the
13	1075				end of January 2012?
	1275	Q. All right. And we see that the	13		-
14		slide at page 19 again refers to extensive	14	1005	A. I don't recall.
15		stakeholder consultation and analysis.	15	1285	Q. Okay. I want to show you
16		A. I see that.	16		Exhibit 27 on the examination of Mr. Stransky and
17	1276	Q. And we see at Slide 24, the	17		Exhibit 7 on the examination of Mr. Shortill, which
18		proposed approach is summarized in the middle	18		is a summary of consultations with the ministers,
19		column?	19		various ministers, undertaken at the end of
20		A. I see the proposed approach.	20		February.
21	1277	Q. And that, as we say, is the	21		A. You're saying at the end of
22		initial step-down in 100 million a year transfer	22		February? I see February 1st. Am I mistaken on
23		payments annual transfer payments going forward;	23		this email?
24		correct?	24	1286	Q. End of January, beginning of
25		A. That's what I think it says.	25		February is what I meant to say. Perhaps I didn't
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1	1278	Q. Okay. And on Slide 25, there's a	1		say that. February 1 and January 31.
2		specific representation about what the	2		A. Okay. I just wanted to clarify.
3		stakeholders' concerns and impacts are about this	3	1287	Q. Does this generally accord with
4		approach; correct?	4		your understanding that there would have been a
5		A. I see that.	5		briefing of the ministers as to what was going to
6	1279	Q. I understood that to the extent	6		be recommended or proposed at Cabinet?
7		that you were made aware of this process, you	7		A. Often it's not unusual for
8		understood that stakeholders, including the horse	8		ministers to be briefed by the proponent ministry
9		racing industry, had been consulted about this	9		before Cabinet.
10		proposed approach?	10	1288	Q. Okay. All right. Thank you. Do
11		A. I don't know, per se, if they were	11		you recall being briefed?
12		consulted on this proposed approach.	12		A. I wouldn't typically be at those
13	1280	Q. Okay. But certainly we can see	13		meetings.
	1200	from the documents that as of January 26, that is	14	1289	Q. You typically wouldn't be?
14			15	1207	A. Wouldn't be at those meetings.
14 15		the proposed approach the phased step-down and			
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15 16		then \$100 million a year in annual transfer	16	1290	Q. Right. Mr. Stransky and
15 16 17		then \$100 million a year in annual transfer payments; right?	16 17	1290	Q. Right. Mr. Stransky and Mr. Shortill said it was the two of them.
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1		Page 362 If we look at the chart, it shows that	1		Page 364 A. Let me confirm that. Yeah.
2		current 2011-12 horse racing industry funding Slots	2	1300	Q. It goes to you February 1,
3		at Racetrack Program, 345 million. And then it	3	1300	material for FPC, right, fiscal prep committee?
4		says at maturity, 2017-18, zero. Do you see that?	4		A. So I was sent something February
5			5		2nd.
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6	1292	~	•	1301	Q. Right. I think you were sent it
7		"The Slots at Racetrack Program	7		February 1, sir. February 1 material for FPC from
8		terminated and a new funding model	8		Greg Stajduhar?
9		implemented."	9		A. I see that.
10		A. I see that.	10	1302	Q. And your deputy, Mr. Goodwin
11	1293	Q. Okay. Now, the Pari-Mutuel Tax	11		A. Assistant deputy.
12		Reduction obviously wasn't new. It had been in	12	1303	Q assistant deputy suggests that
13		effect since 1996; correct?	13		language be used reducing subsidies to the horse
14		A. As I recall, I think that's the	14		racing industry to reinvest in key public services;
15		date.	15		right? And you say:
16	1294	Q. Right.	16		"I like it."
17		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.	17		Right?
18		MR. ROSENBERG: For identification.	18		A. Yes. I was trying to capture the
19		MR. MATTHEWS: He's a recipient of the	19		direction we were given.
20		email, Mr. Rosenberg.	20	1304	Q. Okay. And then, sir
21		THE WITNESS: I would have been copied	21		MR. LISUS: Next exhibit.
22		on something going to Peter Wallace.	22		EXHIBIT NO. 27: CRE0012950.
23		MR. ROSENBERG: That's fine.	23		BY MR. LISUS:
24		MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit 26.	24	1305	Q. We talked a minute ago about this
25		EXHIBIT NO. 26: CRE0080004 and	25		meeting that you were not at that Mr. Bardeesy was
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1		CRE0080005.	1		at with the Premier. You got an email from
2		BY MR. LISUS:	2		Mr. Bardeesy on February 2. This is the email that
3	1295	Q. Now, sir, we've heard evidence	3		you recall; correct?
4		and I'm sure you've seen the emails that at a	4		A. Yes. He sent it to political
5		meeting with the Premier on February 2nd, the	5		staff and then sent a separate one to public
6		Premier decided to go to zero for horse racing	6		servants.
7		revenue share. Are you aware of that?	7	1306	Q. Right. And this was the first
8		A. I recall an email from a meeting.	8		time that you were informed that the Premier had
	1296	Q. Okay. Were you at and the	9		not had decided not to follow the recommended
9			-		
9 10	1270		10		
10	1270	email that you recall is the email from	10		approach of the three-year step-down and
10 11	1470	email that you recall is the email from Mr. Bardeesy; right?	11		approach of the three-year step-down and \$100 million annual transfer payments commencing
10 11 12		email that you recall is the email from Mr. Bardeesy; right? A. That's correct.	11 12		approach of the three-year step-down and \$100 million annual transfer payments commencing February 2015-16; correct?
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10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	1297	email that you recall is the email from Mr. Bardeesy; right? A. That's correct. Q. Were you at that meeting? A. No. It was informing me and the deputy of Cabinet office the outcome of that meeting. Q. Who do you understand was at that meeting? A. That I don't know. Q. Okay. I want to before we talk about that meeting, I want to ask you about an email, CRE12950. Now, this is a sequence in which there's a discussion about materials for what	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	1308	approach of the three-year step-down and \$100 million annual transfer payments commencing February 2015-16; correct? A. Can you repeat that? Q. This was the first that you heard? A. Yes. Q. Okay. And did you speak with Mr. Bardeesy about the decision that the Premier made? A. So it was direction to go into Cabinet for a decision. Q. Did you speak to Mr. Bardeesy about the direction the Premier gave to A. I think the discussion to
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	1297	email that you recall is the email from Mr. Bardeesy; right? A. That's correct. Q. Were you at that meeting? A. No. It was informing me and the deputy of Cabinet office the outcome of that meeting. Q. Who do you understand was at that meeting? A. That I don't know. Q. Okay. I want to before we talk about that meeting, I want to ask you about an email, CRE12950. Now, this is a sequence in which	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	1308	approach of the three-year step-down and \$100 million annual transfer payments commencing February 2015-16; correct? A. Can you repeat that? Q. This was the first that you heard? A. Yes. Q. Okay. And did you speak with Mr. Bardeesy about the decision that the Premier made? A. So it was direction to go into Cabinet for a decision. Q. Did you speak to Mr. Bardeesy about the direction the Premier gave to

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1		they would be working up the material given at the	1		EXHIBIT NO. 28: CRE0360917.
2		new direction.	2		BY MR. LISUS:
3	1310	Q. Okay. So this was just a data	3	1318	Q. And I want to show you CRE361000,
4		point for you?	4		which is Exhibit 10 on the examination of
5		A. Well, it was at the time, the	5		Bardeesy. So this is an email sequence that you
6		government was grappling with rising deficit.	6		don't appear to have been directly involved in, but
7	1311	Q. I don't need a speech, Mr. Orsini.	7		it culminates with Ms. Ampleford saying:
8		This was just a data point for you. You were told	8		"Karim, never mind the below.
9		by email from Mr. Bardeesy that the direction from	9		I've just heard from MOF they've
10		the Premier going into Cabinet is to go to zero for	10		been directed by their MO."
11		horse racing. I'm not asking you why.	11		That's minister; right?
12		A. I'm trying to understand data	12		A. Minister's office.
13		point.	13	1319	Q. "They've been directed by their
14	1312		14	1319	minister's office to remove the
15	1312	Q. This is just a A. It's an important piece of	15		
		information giving us direction to take a proposal			transition support, so the one-year
16			16		notice period is the transition.
17	1212	into Cabinet for a decision.	17		We will run with it, and I'll send
18	1313	Q. Fair enough. And the proposal	18		you all revised docs when they come
19		into Cabinet as of February 2 was to go to zero for	19		in. We should still get this out
20		horse racing, not the	20		by 2."
21		A. It wasn't entirely	21		Do you see that?
22	1314	Q. Let me just finish the question	22		A. I see reference to that.
23		not the three-year step-down 100 million annual	23	1320	Q. Okay. So do you recall, sir,
24		transfer payments; right?	24		being aware on February the 3rd that the minister's
25		A. It wasn't that particular	25		office had directed Cabinet office to remove the
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1		proposal, but there was still 70 million plus	1		transition support so the one-year notice period is
2		continuing to go to the industry through the	2		the transition? Do you remember that?
3		Pari-Mutuel Tax Reduction.	3		A. So that was Cabinet office to the
4	1315	Q. And Mr. Bardeesy says:	4		Premier's office copying people from the Cabinet
5		"For Cabinet dynamics, he wants	5		office that they heard from the Minister of Finance
6		the reality of the need for revenues	6		office to remove the transition. Yes.
7		to be clear, and he advises may be	7	1321	Q. Right.
8		coming in with a package and	8		A. That's what I see here.
9		allowing Cabinet to strip out some	9	1322	Q. Correct.
10		of the elements."	10		A. I wasn't copied on it, but that's
11		Do you see that?	11		what I see.
12		A. I see reference to that, yes.	12	1323	Q. Okay. As I understand that, what
13	1316	Q. What did you understand coming in	13		Cabinet is saying is that Minister Duncan's office
14		with a package and allowing Cabinet to strip out	14		has directed Finance to remove the transition
15		some of the elements to mean?	15		support, so there is going to be one-year notice
16		A. The Cabinet submission talked	16		termination of revenue share and no support; right?
17		about all parts of modernization, you know,	17		A. Besides the Pari-Mutuel Tax
18		location of land-based casinos. They had other	18		Reduction, but that's what I see here.
19		options on the Slots at Racetrack Program. There	19	1324	Q. My question to you is do you
20		was a number of different options available to	20		recall that direction being given by
21		Cabinet. And it allows Cabinet to make changes to	21		Minister Duncan on February 3?
22		the submission.	22		A. I do not recall Minister Duncan
23	1317	Q. Okay.	23		giving that direction.
24		MR. MATTHEWS: Mark this as the next	24	1325	Q. Okay. And I presume, therefore,
		exhibit, CRE360917.	25		that Minister Duncan did not discuss that with you?
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1		A. He did not.	1		Again, you aren't on these emails. It's Cabinet
2	1326	Q. All right. And do you recall when	2		office, Finance. Second from the top, it says:
3		you became aware that Minister Duncan had given	3		"Just got new final Premier's
4		that direction?	4		office and minister's office "
5		A. I don't know when, but it would	5		That's Finance because it's from Mr. Goodwin;
6		have been in the final Cabinet submission that I	6		correct?
7		had to sign.	7		A. I presume that's the case.
8	1327	Q. I see.	8	1336	Q. " policy instruction on horse
9		MR. LISUS: Now, that's the next	9		racing and need to make some edits,
10		BY MR. LISUS:	10		but signatures still fine."
11	1328	Q. Now, I want to just ask you a	11		And it says:
12		point about something.	12		"Horse racing down to one
13		A. Can I get that back, please.	13		year."
14	1329	Q. Yes. The email says:	14		Correct?
15		"I have DM signed versions of	15		A. That's what it says in the email.
16		deck and detailed submission, but	16	1337	Q. So as you understood it, sir,
17		I'm hearing from Ministry of Finance	17		between February 2 and February 3rd,
18		staff that the MO has asked them to	18		Minister Duncan and Premier McGuinty decided not to
19		hold off production pending ongoing	19		follow the recommended approach of either the
20		discussions."	20		five-year phase-out or the three-year phase-out,
21		Do you see that?	21		but to go to zero with no transition support
22		A. Yes.	22		effective March 13th, and that was the direction
23	1330	O. I understand from that that as of	23		that they were taking to Cabinet; fair?
24	1330	February 3 at 11:18, you had signed a version of	24		A. So that's a direction we've heard
25		the deck, but there was still discussions between	25		from the minister's office and Premier's office.
23		the deck, but there was still discussions between	23		from the minister's office and Frencer's office.
1		Page 371 Cabinet office, Premier's office, and Ministry of	1	1338	Page 373 Q. Okay.
2		Finance about what the Cabinet submission would	2	1330	Q. Okay. MR. MATTHEWS: This will be Exhibit I
3			3		for Identification, CRE360994.
		actually say?			EXHIBIT NO. I for Identification:
4 5	1221	A. That's correct.	4		
6	1331	Q. Okay. And then, as you've said,	5		CRE0360994.
		you weren't involved in the decision made by the Minister of Finance to remove the transition	7	1220	BY MR. LISUS:
7			'	1339	Q. And Cabinet materials were being
8		support, but you would have become aware of that	8		produced to take that recommendation to Cabinet;
9		when you saw revised Cabinet material; correct?	9		correct?
1 1 (1		A. That'd be a fair assessment.	10		A. So we were revising the Cabinet
10					
11	1332	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new	11		material to reflect the direction.
11 12	1332	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck?	12	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you
11 12 13	1332	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new	12 13	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is
11 12 13 14	1332	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new deck.	12 13 14	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of
11 12 13 14 15	1332 1333	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new	12 13	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of revising the Cabinet submissions which concludes
11 12 13 14		Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new deck.	12 13 14	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of
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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	1333	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new deck. Q. Okay. Thank you. A. That's not to say I didn't, but I don't recall. Q. All right.	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of revising the Cabinet submissions which concludes with Mr. Goodwin saying: "And horse racing positioning changing to a complete exit from
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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	1333	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new deck. Q. Okay. Thank you. A. That's not to say I didn't, but I don't recall. Q. All right. MR. MATTHEWS: So we'll mark this for identification, Exhibit H.	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of revising the Cabinet submissions which concludes with Mr. Goodwin saying: "And horse racing positioning changing to a complete exit from program support in April 2013. Just the notice period and out."
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	1333	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new deck. Q. Okay. Thank you. A. That's not to say I didn't, but I don't recall. Q. All right. MR. MATTHEWS: So we'll mark this for identification, Exhibit H. EXHIBIT NO. H for Identification:	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of revising the Cabinet submissions which concludes with Mr. Goodwin saying: "And horse racing positioning changing to a complete exit from program support in April 2013. Just the notice period and out." Right?
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	1333	Q. Okay. Did you ever re-sign a new deck? A. I don't recall re-signing a new deck. Q. Okay. Thank you. A. That's not to say I didn't, but I don't recall. Q. All right. MR. MATTHEWS: So we'll mark this for identification, Exhibit H. EXHIBIT NO. H for Identification: CRE0361000.	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	1340	Q. Okay. And if I show you Exhibit 12 from Mr. Bardeesy's examination, this is an email which appears to be in the context of revising the Cabinet submissions which concludes with Mr. Goodwin saying: "And horse racing positioning changing to a complete exit from program support in April 2013. Just the notice period and out." Right? A. That's what I see here on the

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1	1342	Page 374 Q. You weren't. At some point, sir,	1		Page 376 self-serve lottery machines, extra
2		you became engaged in assisting the messaging of	2		casinos in the GTA area; D,
3		that decision for the purposes of Cabinet material;	3		maintaining a Slots at Racetrack
4		correct?	4		Program subsidy at 100 million."
5		A. I'd be involved in, you know, the	5		Right?
6		presentation materials.	6		A. I see that.
7	1343	Q. Okay.	7	1350	O. We know that on February 4,
8	1343	MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit J is CRE361002.	8	1330	~ 1 ,
		EXHIBIT NO. J for Identification:	-		Saturday, the deck still had the prior
9			9		recommendation, maintaining the \$100 million annual
10		CRE0361002.	10		transfer payment, and that's coming out; right?
11		MR. LISUS: Let's pause there. Take a	11	1051	A. Or it's moving to another section.
12		break for half an hour.	12	1351	Q. Okay. And it says:
13		Recess at 12:40 p.m	13		"These should explicitly
14		Upon resuming at 1:12 p.m	14		include the OLG profit foregone from
15		BY MR. LISUS:	15		not going ahead with the first three
16	1344	Q. I'll show you Exhibit 14 on the	16		options. I think Minister Duncan is
17		examination of Mr. Bardeesy, which is an email	17		still working on how best to
18		sequence that begins from Barry Goodwin to you and	18		position this, but my understand is
19		others enclosing revised gaming materials, and the	19		he wants to say that these were
20		sequence that starts February 3 around 5:30 p.m.	20		considered, then rejected, rather
21		and continues through to February 4.	21		than giving Cabinet the chance to do
22		And it appears that the group is	22		the stripping out itself."
23		revising the materials to go into the Cabinet	23		Do you see that?
24		submission; right?	24		A. I see that.
25		A. It looks like they're finalizing	25	1352	Q. Okay. And what do you understand
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1		the material going into Cabinet.	1		to be going on here with your minister?
2	1345	Q. Right. And you don't appear to be	2		A. I think they were looking at even
3		involved in making changes to materials. I presume	3		a more aggressive OLG modernization plan, and they
4		that you wouldn't have done that?	4		took some things out as part of the final
5		A. It's pushed down into the	5		deliberations and based on their assessment.
6		organization.	6		And so rather than Cabinet taking it
7	1346	Q. Right. And I want to just ask you	7		out, it looks like they took them out instead and
8		about Mr. Bardeesy's email. Were you at the	8		just positioned it's less revenue than they could
9		Cabinet meeting?	9		have generated.
10		A. I would presume I'd be there.	10	1353	Q. I also understand this to be
11	1347	Q. But you don't recall?	11		saying that he wants Cabinet submission to convey
12		A. I don't recall the details, but I	12		that maintaining Slots at Racetrack Program subsidy
13		presume I would be there.	13		at 100 million was considered and rejected; right?
14	1348	Q. Right. On Mr. Bardeesy's email of	14		And we do as we reviewed the decks, that does
15		12:35, he says in the middle:	15		appear to have been the case?
16		"After stakeholder	16		MR. RATCLIFFE: Counsel, you had a
17		considerations should go a slide	17		chance to review this with Mr. Bardeesy.
18		that includes additional elements	18		MR. LISUS: This is his minister's
		that were considered, then	19		views, Mr. Ratcliffe. Mr. Bardeesy was not
		rejected."	20		speaking with Minister Duncan. He made that clear.
19			21		THE WITNESS: In totality, these
19 20		Do you see that?			TITE TITELON TIT COCULTON, CITCOL
19 20 21		Do you see that?			<u>-</u> ·
19 20 21 22	1340	A. Just point it out again. Yes.	22		explicitly include OLG profit foregone. So when
19 20 21 22 23	1349	A. Just point it out again. Yes. Q. Okay. He says:	22 23		explicitly include OLG profit foregone. So when you bundle it all in, what they've taken out is
19 20 21 22	1349	A. Just point it out again. Yes.	22		explicitly include OLG profit foregone. So when

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1	1354	Q. I'm simply referring to the one	1		Right? Do you see that?
2		point there.	2		MR. RATCLIFFE: Which part of the email
3		A. That's one of the elements, it	3		are you referring to?
4		appears, from this.	4		THE WITNESS: I'm curious as to how the
5	1355	Q. Maintaining Slots at Racetrack	5		Pari-Mutuel tax is being maintained. So the
6		Program subsidy at 100 million, and I understood	6		support for the sector wasn't being eliminated, one
7		from this email that Minister Duncan wanted to say	7		element of it. It says:
8		that that was one of the things that was considered	8		"The Cabinet deck should speak
9		and rejected. And that appears to accord with the	9		to subsidies, the horse being
10		evolution of the question of funding. Would you	10		eliminated and not reduced."
11		agree with me?	11		I'm talking about the Pari-Mutuel tax. I'm just
12		A. There was several things that they	12		trying to understand in light of everything that
13		stripped out, some generating revenue and some	13		was in the Cabinet document.
14		costing more. And so he's referring to all of	14		BY MR. LISUS:
15		them.	15	1363	Q. My only point, sir, is that it
16	1356		16	1303	appears that as of February 4, Saturday, the deck
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17	1255	A. Was one of the items	17		still had in it the subsidies being reduced, not
18	1357	Q. That was costing more?	18		eliminated.
19	1050	A. Yes.	19		And Mr. Bardeesy, in light of the
20	1358	Q. All right. And so what	20		direction on February 2nd, is telling the team to
21		Minister Duncan appears to have been expressing a	21		make sure that the submission is amended to
22		preference for was to tell Cabinet that the	22		reflect
23		100 million was considered and rejected; right?	23		A. That's what it says.
24		A. I'm trying to you're reading in	24	1364	Q. Right. Okay.
25		more to those words than on the page.	25		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.
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1	1359	Q. I'm just reading.	1		Was Exhibit 15 in Bardeesy.
2		"I think Minister Duncan is	2		MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit L.
3		still working on how best to	3		EXHIBIT NO. L for Identification:
4		position this, but my understand is	4		CRE0361055.
5		he wants to say that these were	5		BY MR. LISUS:
6		considered, then rejected."	6	1365	Q. Do you recall any discussion with
7		A. That's what the words say.	7		Minister Duncan about the decision made by him and
8	1360	Q. Okay. You don't recall, as you've	8		Premier McGuinty February 2 and 3 to direct the
9		told me, the Cabinet meeting itself?	9		elimination of SARP revenue sharing effective March
10		A. I do vaguely recall this is	10		2013 with no transition support?
11		many, many years ago a Cabinet meeting on this	11		A. Do I you're referencing a
12		topic.	12		decision between the two. I can't confirm they
13	1361	Q. Okay.	13		spoke on the topic or they were through other
			14		through their offices. That's one. And the second
14		MR. LISUS: So this is the next			2
14 15		MR. LISUS: So this is the next exhibit.	15		part?
15			15 16	1366	-
15 16		exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit K.	16	1366	part? Q. My question is do you recall any discussion with Minister Duncan about the decision
15 16 17		exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit K. EXHIBIT NO. K for Identification:	16 17	1366	Q. My question is do you recall any discussion with Minister Duncan about the decision
15 16 17 18		exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit K. EXHIBIT NO. K for Identification: CRE0012973.	16 17 18	1366	Q. My question is do you recall any discussion with Minister Duncan about the decision made by him and Premier McGuinty on February 2 and
15 16 17 18 19	1362	exhibit. MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit K. EXHIBIT NO. K for Identification: CRE0012973. BY MR. LISUS:	16 17 18 19	1366	Q. My question is do you recall any discussion with Minister Duncan about the decision made by him and Premier McGuinty on February 2 and 3 to direct the elimination of SARP revenue sharing
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1		Page 382 Minister Duncan and Mr. McGuinty had taken that	1		Page 38 right?
2		decision?	2		A. You're looking at the third HR
3		A. We got direction that we got	3		chart that is background on how we determine the
4		direction that they wanted to take that proposed	4		HRFTE racetrack impacts?
5		approach to Cabinet for a decision, so we did get	5	1377	Q. Yeah, I'm looking at the first
6		direction on that front through their offices.	6		page, 273, which is the email.
7	1368	Q. Indeed that proposed approach is	7		A. Right.
8		what Cabinet endorsed on February 28th; correct?	8	1378	Q. Okay. Attached, please find
9		A. The final submission going in,	9		revised
10		correct.	10		A. Yes, the third bullet point you're
11	1369	Q. I want to show you the Cabinet	11		referring to, yes.
12		minute that was given to Cabinet this is the	12	1379	Q. The second as well.
13		material that we understand was before or in the	13		A. Yes, I see both of them.
14		Cabinet briefing books.	14	1380	Q. All right. So go over the page.
15		And the Cabinet minute is at page 404.	15		A. Okay.
16		There's pages on the upper right-hand side. Let's	16	1381	Q. This is the information provided
17		just go with that. Page 404.	17		by the ministry to answer any questions at Cabinet
18		A. I'm just looking for is this a	18		on the question of the impact on jobs in the horse
19		signed version of the it's one way to confirm it	19		racing section with the full elimination of the
20		was a	20		slots funding; right?
21	1370	Q. Yes, I believe it's signed. The	21		A. I see that.
22		Cabinet briefing	22	1382	Q. And that's the information
23		A. The slide deck was signed.	23		provided by Finance for the Cabinet discussion;
24	1371	Q. Yes.	24		correct?
25		MR. RATCLIFFE: 404.	25		A. I see that, yes.
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1		THE WITNESS: So page 404. Okay, I	1	1383	Q. All right. And if we go over to
2		have that in front of me.	2		page 276.
3		BY MR. LISUS:	3		A. Okay, I have the page.
4	1372	Q. Do you see the Cabinet Minute	4	1384	Q. These are minister's speaking
5		Number 4?	5		points.
6		A. Number 4?	6		A. Yes, I see that.
7	1373	Q. Yes.	7	1385	Q. Who prepares the minister's
8		A. Yes.	8		speaking points? The Finance staff?
0	1374	Q. And that's quite a different	9		A. It would be combination of the
9		Cabinet minute than the one that we saw previously	10		minister's office running it by Finance officials.
		in January; right?	11	1386	Q. And we see at page 279, bottom
10		111 CO11001 / 11911CV			2
10 11		A. It kept changing, but this is the	12		bullet:
10 11 12					
10 11 12 13	1375	A. It kept changing, but this is the	12		bullet:
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1		Page 386 have recommended that.	1		Page 388 A. No.
2	1388	Q. This speaking point also says:	2	1400	Q. I want to show you some notes that
3	1300	"And several other	3	1100	she prepared. These are notes that she prepared
4		recommendations that are consistent	4		describing her experience in the gaming policy
5		with OLG's proposal, including	5		branch?
6		eliminating the Slots at Racetrack	6		A. So this is July 17th, 2012?
7		funding support to the horse racing	7	1401	0. Yes.
8		industry."	8	1401	A. It's an email she sent to herself.
		Do you see that?	9	1402	
9 10		1	10	1402	~ , 11
		A. Yes, I do see that.			preparing a summary of her experience in the gaming
11		MR. ROSENBERG: You've already asked	11		policy branch and what she had done that year.
12		these questions of this witness.	12	1400	A. So I haven't seen this.
13		BY MR. LISUS:	13	1403	Q. All right. And I just want to ask
14	1389	Q. And you and I can agree, sir, he	14		you to take a look at the fifth hashmark which
15		did not make any such recommendations?	15		says:
16		A. I don't recall him making that	16		"The government was very
17		recommendation.	17		interested in OLG's recommendations
18	1390	Q. So who's responsible for the	18		and in seeking Cabinet approval very
19		accuracy of the minister's speaking points?	19		quickly as the modernization
20		A. It would be the minister's office.	20		activities were promoted by OLG as a
21	1391	Q. And that's not you?	21		means to provide significant revenue
22		A. That's not me, no. It would have	22		to the province at the time when the
23		gone through the ministry, you know, for fact	23		government is seeking any new
24		checks, but ultimately, the final changes, if made,	24		revenues to help balance the budget
25		would then go through the minister's office.	25		in five years."
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1	1392	Q. When you say "the minister's	1		Do you see that?
2		office," you mean Mr. Shortill and Stransky?	2		A. I do see that reference.
3		A. The staff in there, yes.	3	1404	Q. Does that refresh your
4	1393	Q. Okay.	4		recollection, sir, of the process the government
5		A. It may not only be them. I'm not	5		was seeking Cabinet approval very quickly?
6		sure whether there was other people in the	6		A. You asked the term for a
7		minister's office engaged.	7		fast-track. Sometimes it has a specific meaning.
8	1394	Q. Okay. This proposal was a	8	1405	Q. I understand.
9		fast-track to Cabinet; right?	9		A. I think people were working hard
10		A. I'm not sure it was. Normally a	10		right across the ministry in a whole bunch of
11		fast-track to Cabinet, it bypasses a Cabinet	11		different areas to find savings for the fiscal
12		committee. My understanding was it was going to	12		plan.
13		the jobs in economic committee on	13	1406	Q. To put into the 2012 budget?
14	1395	Q. On a fast-track?	14		A. That's correct.
15		A. I'm not sure if it was fast-track.	15	1407	Q. Whether they were accurate or not?
16		Fast-track, I think, is when it bypasses the	16		A. Everyone was working as hard as
17		committee process, directly to Cabinet.	17		they could as fast as they could with the best
18	1396	Q. Do you know Ms. Watkins?	18		information they had.
19		A. Is that Tanya Watkins?	19	1408	Q. Okay. You would agree that it's
20	1397	Q. Yes.	20	1100	important to make decisions that have serious
20 21	±371	A. Yes.	21		consequences for stakeholders based on the best
	1200		21		information available?
22	1398	Q. And she worked in gaming policy?			
23	1200	A. That's correct.	23	1400	A. That they would have, yes.
0.4	1399	Q. And do you recall her applying for	24	1409	Q. Or could get?
24 25	1377	a job or promotion in the summer of 2012?	25		A. In the world of budget secrecy,

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1		people are working towards a budget date. There's	1		Cabinet."
2		limits to the extent that they have the time and	2		Do you see that?
3		ability to get the information. And some of it may	3		A. I do see that.
4		or may not have been available.	4	1417	Q. "We all had to operate under a
5	1410	Q. So where she says, "The government	5		cone of silence until the
6		was very interested in seeking Cabinet approval	6		activities were made public in
7		very quickly," would you agree with that	7		March."
8		characterization of the process?	8		Do you see that?
9		A. I'm trying to think of relative	9		A. That's in reference to budget
10		there's a lot of decisions that went through	10		secrecy.
11		Cabinet in a very timely basis. It's hard to say	11	1418	Q. And this made it difficult to
12		relatively to the whole budget process.	12		manage other interested ministries, agencies, and
13	1411	Q. Ms. Watkins was involved in this	13		stakeholders; right?
14		process quite extensively throughout 2011 and 2012;	14		A. Because of budget secrecy.
15		right?	15	1419	Q. Now, budget secrecy, sir, is a
16		A. I presume she was if she was	16		practice which is designed to ensure that the
17		working in the division.	17		proposed budget is kept confidential before it's
18	1412	Q. Just turn over the page, please.	18		announced; right?
19		We discussed how Minister Duncan and Mr. McGuinty	19		A. Correct.
20		decided to	20	1420	O. It is not an excuse to make
21		MR. RATCLIFFE: Counsel, you keep using	21		decisions that will have significant impacts on
22		the word "decided," and I think Mr. Orsini	22		people's livelihoods without an understanding of
23		corrected you and said it was a recommendation.	23		the consequences of those decisions; correct?
24		MR. LISUS: I think we've used	24		A. If your reference is to the
25		different words. Mr. Orsini has said direction.	25		information available on hand to make the decision,
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1		Page 391 He said	1		Page 393 there is 50 pages of budget addendum that talked
2		MR. RATCLIFFE: That was going forward	2		about all the different expenditure reductions
3		to Cabinet. Not a decision.	3		right across government, all relying on the best
4		MR. LISUS: See if I can satisfy you,	4		information we had at the time.
5		Mr. Ratcliffe.	5	1421	
6		BY MR. LISUS:	6	1421	Q. I'm going to give you my question
7	1413		7		again. The concept of budget secrecy, you agreed, is designed to ensure that the proposed budget is
8	1413	-	8		
_		Mr. Duncan decided not to follow the recommendation	•		kept confidential before it's announced. We agreed
9		of staff with respect to the phased-out reduction	9		on that; right?
10		of SARP funding; right? We discussed that.	10	1.400	A. Yes.
11		February 2.	11	1422	Q. Okay. But the concept of budget
12		A. We discussed the direction we were	12		secrecy does not excuse the government from
13	1 41 .	given to go a different approach.	13		properly identifying and measuring the consequences
14	1414	Q. Right. And I want to just	14		of significant changes it's going to make to
			15		programs or commercial arrangements; fair?
15		reference a comment made by Ms. Watkins in this			
15 16		document, second last hashmark from the bottom.	16		R/F MR. ROSENBERG: Objection. You're
15 16 17		document, second last hashmark from the bottom. A. On what page, sorry?	16 17		asking the witness a legal question.
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1		MR. LISUS: I'm going to mark	1		Mr. Ratcliffe, I'll say February 8.
2		Ms. Watkins' notes as an exhibit for	2		BY MR. LISUS:
3		identification.	3	1428	Q. What was really decided on
4		MR. MATTHEWS: This is the next exhibit	4		February 8 was that the larger OLG modernization
5		for identification. This is CRE88295, Exhibit M.	5		plan was going to be approved; correct?
6		EXHIBIT NO. M for Identification:	6		A. On February 8th, the elements of
7		CRE0088295 and CRE0088298.	7		OLG's modernization plan was approved.
8		BY MR. LISUS:	8	1429	Q. And the decision around the
9	1423	Q. Let me ask you a question, sir.	9		termination of revenue sharing was just one small
10		If a budget decision is made at Cabinet and before	10		implementation feature of the larger modernization
11		it is announced or implemented in the budget, it	11		plan; correct?
12		learns that it didn't have the necessary	12		A. It was a key element of the plan.
13		information to understand the impact and	13	1430	Q. Right. There was a key element as
14		consequences of the decision, I presume the	14	1150	to how the plan was to be operationalized; right?
15		decision could be revisited; right?	15		A. As part of the overall OLG
16		A. Until the budget is announced, the	16		modernization. In revenue generation, the ultimate
17		decisions could be revisited.	17		goal was to generate sufficient revenues to help
18	1424				
	1424	Q. Right. And if the government	18	1.401	the government hit its fiscal targets.
19		became aware that it had made a decision on	19	1431	Q. Correct. And the way to do that
20		incomplete or inaccurate information, it would be	20		was the OLG modernization plan large lottery gaming
21		incumbent upon it and that the consequences of	21		efficiencies; right?
22		making a decision on inaccurate or incomplete	22		A. Yes, correct.
23		information would be very harmful, it would be	23	1432	Q. And the revenue sharing with the
24		incumbent upon it to reevaluate or revisit the	24		horse racing industry was one part of
25		decision; correct?	25		operationalizing that larger plan?
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1		A. In fact, we would often ask	1		A. It was one part of their
2		even prior to announcement if there was more	2		modernization plan.
3		information, we'd ask staff to take another look.	3	1433	Q. And the revenue-sharing aspect
4		In fact, I did on this particular case ask them.	4		wasn't the modernization plan. It was one of the
5	1425	O Man of the control			
6		Q. Now, after the government decision	5		steps taken to implement or operationalize the
U		on February 2 and 3rd and the Cabinet decision on	5 6		steps taken to implement or operationalize the modernization plan; fair?
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7		on February 2 and 3rd and the Cabinet decision on February 8, there was a communication plan put in	6 7		modernization plan; fair? A. It was as part of their plan,
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1		just one aspect of it?	1		and under review.
2	1.400	A. Was an aspect of it.	2		But as the speech is written,
3	1437	Q. Right. And you believe that the	3		this reads pretty much as a decision
4		consequences of that decision would be a reduction	4		that has been taken, and this is the
5		in the number of racetracks and a right sizing of	5		communication of it. We thought
6		the horse racing sector; right?	6		that was to be held until the week
7		A. So the analysis that the ministry	7		of February 20 for announcement, and
8		produced would be a smaller footprint for the in	8		the speech was to allude to it, but
9		some of the materials shows the number of tracks	9		not announce the cancellation."
10		that the ministry believed would continue under	10		Do you see that?
11		that scenario.	11		A. I see the reference.
12	1438	Q. The ministry and you did not	12	1444	Q. Do you remember there being a
13		believe that there would be a total collapse of the	13		discussion about what Minister Duncan should say
14		industry; correct?	14		about the decision that had been taken on SARP
15		A. I don't believe we had that view	15		revenue shares?
16		based on the information I saw.	16		A. A lot of the preconditioning
17	1439	Q. Okay. And part of the	17		speeches don't get into the budget-specific
18		communications plan with respect to this decision	18		announcements. So it's a question of that the
19		was that Minister Duncan was going to make	19		budget itself would announce a lot of details, so
20		reference to it in a speech that he was giving at	20		I'm not quite sure
21		the Economic Club on February 13; right?	21	1445	Q. Who's being preconditioned with
22		A. He does a preconditioning speech	22	1113	this speech? The horse racing sector?
23		before every budget.	23		A. I think in general, the speech is
24	1440	Q. Okay. What do you mean by "a	24		to talk to the general public in lead-up to a
25	1440	preconditioning speech"?	25		
23		preconditioning speech :	23		budget.
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1		A. Well, he sets some broad	1	1446	Q. Right, but I presume one of the
2		parameters leading up to the budget, you know, the	2		objects of preconditioning in a preconditioning
3		fiscal challenges, some of the tough decisions that	3		speech is to precondition stakeholders in a
4		the government would have to make, you know,	4		particular budgetary decision; fair?
5		basically setting the scene for in lead-up to	5		A. Not necessarily that every
6		the budget.	6		stakeholder gets informed in advance or
7	1441	Q. I want to show you an email,	7		preconditioned in advance.
8		CRE209040. This begins with an email to you	8	1447	Q. I understand. To the extent that
9		attaching the latest draft of the proposed	9		a stakeholder is getting informed in a
10		minister's speech for Monday.	10		preconditioning speech, the purpose of doing that
11		A. Okay.	11		is to precondition that stakeholder for the budget
12	1442	Q. And the minister appears to have	12		decision that's been made about them; fair?
13		requested your and others' feedback. We've got the	13		A. So, again, the speech may or may
14		draft of the minister's preconditioning speech;	14		not precondition.
15		right?	15	1448	Q. Sir, we know that Mr. Duncan's
16		A. I see that dated February 8th.	16		speech referred to the horse racing sector; right?
17	1443	Q. And then on February 9th,	17		A. Correct.
18		Mr. Valido says there's some comments, and he	18		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, Counsel, he's
19		inserts an overall comment on horse racing and	19		answered your question. You asked if there was
20		says:	20		something where a stakeholder was going to be
21		"We suggest this be reworked	21		affected as part of and whether that would be
22		significantly to moderate. The	22		addressed as part of the precondition speech, and
		minister can frame the issue of	23		Mr. Orsini said in some cases yes, and some cases
23					OIDITII DATA III DONNE CADED YED, ALIA DONNE CADED
23		excessive financial support to the	24		no
23 24 25		excessive financial support to the sector, and it is not sustainable	24 25		no. BY MR. LISUS:

1	1449	Page 402 Q. We know the horse racing sector	1	1457	Page 404 Q. I see. And so when would the
2		was referred to in Mr. Duncan's February 13 speech;	2		decision be final?
3		correct?	3		A. In practical terms, when it went
4		A. That's what I understand.	4		to print.
5	1450	Q. All right. And the reason the	5	1458	Q. Okay. And tabled in the
6		horse racing sector was referred to in this	6		legislature?
7		preconditioning speech was to precondition them for	7		A. Yes.
8		the coming communication of the decision that had	8	1459	Q. Which was when?
9		been made on February 8th; right?	9		A. I can't recall the budget date.
10		A. So the budget speech could	10	1460	Q. March?
11		identify a number of areas and a review.	11		A. It would be towards the end of
12	1451	Q. I don't want to talk about	12		March.
13		hypothetical, sir. Let's talk about this case. We	13	1461	Q. Okay.
14		know this speech which you reviewed made specific	14		A. That's when it was tabled in the
15		reference to the horse racing sector; correct?	15		legislature. It's printed a week before.
16		A. It did make reference to the horse	16	1462	Q. And in the period between the
17		racing sector.	17	1102	Cabinet decision and when the decision goes to
18	1452	Q. Right. And it made reference to	18		print, the government wouldn't want to take any
19	1432	the horse racing industry for the purposes of	19		steps to destabilize a sector or industry that was
20		preconditioning it to the decision that had been	20		going to be impacted by a budget decision; right?
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22		made on February 8th and would be subsequently communicated with the budget; right?	22		
			23	1462	me, please.
23		A. It could have been the intent,		1463	Q. In the period between a decision
24	1452	yes.	24		having been made by Cabinet and its implementation
25	1453	Q. That was the intent, sir.	25		in a tabled budget, the government would not
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1		A. To communicate to the sector that	1		undertake any steps to destabilize a stakeholder
2		their area was under review.	2		that was going to be impacted by the budget
3	1454	Q. Yes.	3		decision that had been taken.
4		A. I think that's a fair assessment.	4		A. I mean, that is conjecture.
5	1455	Q. It's also a fair assessment that	5		There's a lot of things the government was
6		as of February 13, the area wasn't under review. A	6		including in the budget that had significant impact
7		decision had been made that 14 years of revenue	7		right across the board. And they weren't
8		sharing was going to end with no transition	8		communicating on all those areas. On some areas
9		support; right?	9		they were communicating.
10		A. So the decision the ultimate	10	1464	Q. It wouldn't have been appropriate
11		decision would have been communicated or planned to	11		for the government to undertake a communications
12		be communicated at this stage in the budget. The	12		campaign designed to destabilize a stakeholder that
13		question in the speech is how much information to	13		was going to be affected by a budget decision. Can
14		share at that time, and that was a judgment call	14		we agree on that, Mr. Orsini?
15		made at that time.	15		A. I think it's more along the lines
16	1456	Q. And the judgment call that was	16		that the details of any decision would be included
17		made at the time was to communicate that their	17		in the budget. We had a chance to present the full
18		sector was under review, but it wasn't an accurate	18		picture.
19		communication; right?	19		If you present one piece of it prior to
		A. Until the government makes an	20		and not talk about the whole bullet hitting a
20		announcement as you said so yourself, the	21		fiscal target and balancing the budget, you don't
20 21		Cobinet can always shapes their mind but until a	22		have the broad context, which is why a lot of the
		Cabinet can always change their mind, but until a			
21		budget announcement, it is still under review	23		details is included with the budget with the broad
21 22			23 24		details is included with the budget with the broad context to go with it.

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1		Page 406	1		Page 408 announce the end of slots at tracks
1		communicate one piece of a budget decision?	1		
2	1466	A. Yeah, it may or may not.	2		Monday but to use it as an example
3	1466	Q. And it wouldn't be appropriate to	3		of a program that was out of sync
4		deliberately have a communication strategy designed	4		and needing close review.
5		to destabilize a stakeholder that was going to be	5		Suggesting it was likely toast but
6		affected by a budget decision; correct?	6		not saying that. I don't think
7		A. So you're saying there would be	7		MO"
8		communication to destabilize?	8		That's the Ministry of Finance office; correct?
9	1467	Q. Yes.	9		A. So can I just read this?
10		A. Part of the communications	10	1475	Q. Yes. Do you see where Mr. Goodwin
11		strategy is to help explain a decision so people	11		says to you:
12		understand why those tough decisions were made.	12		"I can live with that because
13	1468	Q. I agree. It isn't any part of a	13		the objective for Monday was not to
14		communication strategy to frighten stakeholders	14		announce the end of slots at tracks
15		about a budget decision that hasn't been	15		Monday but to use it as an example
16		communicated in the budget yet; right?	16		of a program that was out of sync
17		A. Until you had the broad context,	17		and needing close review.
18		sometimes people don't fully understand.	18		Suggesting it was likely toast but
19	1469	Q. That's why you wouldn't	19		not saying that. I don't think
20		deliberately try to frighten them with government	20		MO"
21		communications?	21		That's the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Duncan's
22		A. You wouldn't want to present it	22		office.
23		out of context.	23		A. It normally is an abbreviation for
24	1470	Q. Right. You were aware, sir, in	24		minister's office.
25		February 2012 that the OLG was not operationally	25	1476	Q. Right.
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1		ready to answer questions about the impact of the	1		" or OLG or MOF."
2		decision made about SARP revenue share?	2		That's the civil service side of Finance; correct?
3		A. I think there was always more	3		A. That's how I read that.
4		details. Even with a Cabinet decision, even with a	4	1477	Q "are ready to handle an
5		budget announcement, there's always details you	5		announcement of the program
6		have to work through to be prepared to answer all	6		cancellation. OLG is not
7		the technical questions that might follow.	7		operationally ready to answer
8	1471	Q. I want to have you look at an	8		questions about impact, so the more
9		email, CRE32059.	9		specificity and direction that is
10		MR. MATTHEWS: This we'll mark this	10		shared Monday, the more our risk
11		Exhibit 29, CRE209040.	11		goes up."
12		EXHIBIT NO. 29: CRE0209040.	12		Right?
13		BY MR. LISUS:	13		A. For not being able to respond to
14	1472	Q. CRE32059.	14		questions.
15	14	MR. ROSENBERG: I would like Exhibit 29	15	1478	Q. Neither the political staff in the
16		marked identification.	16	1170	minister's office or OLG or Ministry of Finance
17		BY MR. LISUS:	17		staff were ready to handle an announcement of
18	1473	Q. You're with me here, Mr. Orsini?	18		program cancellation as of February 10; right?
1 -0	1113	A. So I'm looking at a Document	19		A. From that, it appears so.
19		11. DO I III TOORTING AC A DOCUMENT		1479	
19		Number 1209 and it a an email between Parry and	1 20		And OTC was not operationally:
20		Number 1209, and it's an email between Barry and	20	1117	Q. And OLG was not operationally
20 21	1/17/	Elizabeth, and I've gotten an email trail.	21	11/5	ready to answer questions about the impact;
20 21 22	1474	Elizabeth, and I've gotten an email trail. Q. Yes. And Barry Goodwin says to	21 22	1177	ready to answer questions about the impact; correct?
20 21 22 23	1474	Elizabeth, and I've gotten an email trail. Q. Yes. And Barry Goodwin says to you:	21 22 23	11/7	ready to answer questions about the impact; correct? A. Or the details associated with the
20 21 22	1474	Elizabeth, and I've gotten an email trail. Q. Yes. And Barry Goodwin says to	21 22	1480	ready to answer questions about the impact; correct?

1		Page 410 operationally ready to answer questions about	1	Page 412 1487 Q. They have to make tough decisions
2		impact or details is because they didn't know what	2	fairly; right?
3		the impact or details would be?	3	A. Based on the best information they
4		A. Yeah, they would still be working	4	have at the time.
5		that out.	5	1488 Q. They have to make tough decisions
6	1481	Q. Okay. And that's the same with	6	responsibly; right?
7		Finance and the minister's office; correct?	7	A. Based on the best information they
8		A. I think there's always more	8	have at the time.
9		details that folks will have to work through.	9	1489 Q. They have to make tough decisions
10		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.	10	in good faith?
11		MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit 30.	11	A. Based on the best information they
12		EXHIBIT NO. 30: CRE0032059.	12	have at the time.
13		BY MR. LISUS:	13	1490 Q. They have to implement their tough
14	1482	Q. And are you aware, sir, that	14	decisions properly and responsibly and in good
15		Mr. Phillips testified that, as you've seen, they	15	faith; correct?
16		didn't recommend the termination of the revenue	16	A. Based on the best information they
17		share. OLG did not recommend that; correct?	17	have at the time.
18		A. You mentioned that yesterday.	18	1491 O. Based on the best information that
19	1483	O. And he also testified that between	19	is available to them; fair?
20	1100	the time of OLG's recommendation to continue	20	A. Available to them at that time.
21		funding through consolidated revenue fund transfer	21	1492 Q. Right. Here's what Mr. Phillips
22		payments and Minister Duncan and Minister	22	told me:
23		McGuinty's direction to go to zero with no	23	O. "Between the time the OLG made
24		transition support, there was no new consultation	24	its 84-page report and
2 1 25		with industry or stakeholders? Are you aware of	25	recommendation to the government and
23		with industry of standiolders: Are you aware of	23	recommendation to the government and
1		Page 411	1	Page 413
1		that?	1	it decided to go to zero in February
2		A. It may be during the budget	2	2012, there were no new studies;
3		secrecy black-out. So I don't assume they would have been consulted.	3	right?
4	1404		4	A. No.
5	1484	Q. What's the purpose of having	5	Q. No new information?
6		consultations with people when you consult with	6	A. Not that I'm aware of.
7		them about a completely different decision?	7	O. And no more consultations?
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2	right?	2		leadership of Chair Paul Godfrey."
3	A. Not by OLG.	3		A. I see reference in this note to
4	Q. And you're not aware of any by	4		that effect.
5	the government; correct?	5	1495	Q. Was it your understanding, sir,
6	A. I'm not aware of any by the	6		that the OLG board of directors supported and
7	government.	7		recommended the elimination of revenue sharing
8	Q. And I understand it wasn't your	8		effective March 13th with no transition support?
9	decision, Mr. Phillips, but you were	9		A. I'm not aware of that specific
10	aware and OLG was aware that there	10		proposal going to the board. I did not speak to
11	would be an immediate negative	11		the chair. The minister may have.
12	impact on the breeding community	12	1496	Q. Thank you. Are you aware that
13	when the decision was announced;	13		Mr. Snobelen in February made public comments that
14	right?	14		were highly critical of what he understood to be
15	A. Yes. The uncertainty relative	15		from Minister Duncan's speech a government, a
16	to the future of both some of the	16		pending government decision to eliminate revenue
17	track locations and the funding.	17		share?
18	O. And the value of horses to be	18		A. Appending? I'm not quite sure
19	bred and the market for those	19		what that means.
20	horses; correct?	20		MR. RATCLIFFE: Counsel, how is this
21	A. Again, less in our purview	21		relevant?
22	but	22		BY MR. LISUS:
23	Q. Generally.	23	1497	Q. A pending government decision.
24	A. As observers, we would	24	1477	A. Oh, a pending. He was critical of
25	understand that, yes."	25		the minister's speech about a pending government
23	understand that, yes.	23		the minister is speech about a penaling government
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1	Did you understand there was no consultations, no	1	1.400	decision.
2	transparency?	2	1498	Q. To eliminate revenue sharing.
3	MR. RATCLIFFE: Mr. Lisus, I think	3		A. And his comments before the budget
4	you're just going over the same territory. You	4		or after the budget?
5	asked Mr. Orsini multiple questions. He said that	5	1499	Q. Before the budget, there were
6	the decision is made on the best available evidence	6		comments he made publicly in the Toronto Sun.
7	at the time. You're free to make whatever legal	7		A. So he was writing on the topic
8	argument you want based upon that, but	8		before the Ontario budget.
9	BY MR. LISUS:	9	1500	Q. Yes.
10	1493 Q. Mr. Orsini, it's also said in the	10		MR. RATCLIFFE: Do you have a copy of
11	minister's speaking notes for the February 8	11		that?
12	Cabinet meeting that the decision to cancel or	12		MR. LISUS: Sure. It's Exhibit 9 on
13	eliminate revenue share effective March 13 with no	13		the examination of Mr. Snobelen.
14	transition support was supported by the OLG chair	14		THE WITNESS: It's too small to read.
15	and board of directors. Are you aware of that?	15		BY MR. LISUS:
16	MR. RATCLIFFE: Can you show him the	16	1501	Q. I mean, it's a matter of record
17	document, please.	17		that he made comments in the press. I'm just
18	BY MR. LISUS:	18		asking you, sir, if you remember that.
19	1494 Q. Yes, I'll give it to you, but I'll	19		A. I don't remember the details, but
20	read it.	20		I do, now that you show me, remember some
21	"I have brought forward a	21		commentary.
22	proposal that I believe balances	22	1502	Q. Okay. And do you remember that he
23	modernization of the OLG with	23		also made statements he released on Ontario News
24	responsible gambling goals. The	24		Watch, the video service, that were very critical
25	proposal has the full support of	25		of what he understood the minister to be
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1		Page 418 preconditioning for, i.e., the termination of	1	1513	Page 420 Q. What's your reaction to these ads,
2		-	2	1313	g. what's your reaction to these ads, sir?
3		revenue sharing? Do you remember he made A. I don't remember the specifics in	3		
3 4		A. I don't remember the specifics in the News Watch you were saying. No, I don't	4	1514	A. I don't comment on political ads.Q. I'm asking you to comment on them.
5			5	1314	Q. I'm asking you to comment on them. A. I don't have a reaction to
	1503	remember that specifically.			
6 7	1303	Q. All right. And I want to ask you about the certain radio ads that were run in	6	1515	political ads.
8			8	1515	Q. You have no reaction to these ads?
		February 2012, February 26-27, 2012. Do you			A. Well, I don't comment on political
9		remember there being radio ads?	9		ads because it's not the purview of the public
10		A. I remember hearing about radio ads.	10	1516	service to comment on political ads.
11 12	1504	Q. I want to show you a transcription	12	1310	Q. Why were political ads run? A. You're going to have to ask the
13	1304	of the radio ad. CRE0081193. This is an email	13		authors of the political ads.
			14	1517	-
14		from Barry Goodwin to you, and it says:		151/	*
15		"Here is a copy from the two	15		A. I'm not even sure who would have
16		radio ads."	16	1510	designed these ads.
17	1505	A. I see them.	17	1518	Q. Who do you think designed them?
18	1505	Q. Have you read them?	18		A. I would be speculating. I don't
19		A. I'm just going through them now.	19	1510	know
20	1506	These are political ads.	20	1519	Q. I want your best information or
21	1506	Q. What does that mean?	21		belief. What would be your best belief?
22		A. They're not reviewed or endorsed	22 23	1520	A. It would be the Premier's office.
23	1507	or commented by the public service.	1	1520	Q. Okay. Would it be Mr. Gene in the
24 25	1507	Q. Why is Mr. Goodwin sending these	24 25		Premier's office?
23		to you?	25		A. I don't know. It would be
1		Page 419	1		Page 421
1 2		A. It may be that we heard of ads, and we weren't aware of them, and he's providing	1 2	1521	possibly someone in the communication's side. O. Well, I asked Mr. Shortill, and he
3		what the ads were about.	3	1321	Q. Well, I asked Mr. Shortill, and he didn't know. I asked Mr. Bardeesy, and he didn't
4	1508	Q. Were you aware of these ads before	4		know. I asked Mr. Stransky, and he didn't know.
5	1300	they ran?	5		I'll ask Mr. Gene, but I'm just trying to find out
6		A. I was unaware. I believe I was	6		
7			0		who composed and authorized and directed these ads
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1		Page 422 A. You're asking me to comment on a	1		Page 424 breeders' breeding season?
2		political ad. I don't comment on political ads.	2		A. I did not know.
3	1525	Q. I'm asking you to agree that this	3	1534	O. And we've discussed already how
4	1323	ad's characterization of the Slots at Racetrack	4	1331	the breeding sector had gone through a period of
5		Program as a secret subsidy for a few very wealthy	5		instability in 2009 and 2010 and the steps taken
6		racetrack owners was a lie.	6		with the ministry support from the Ontario Racing
7			7		Program to stabilize the sector in 2010, 2011?
		A. It's a political ad, and I don't			
8		comment on political ads.	8	1525	
9		MR. RATCLIFFE: He indicated he didn't	9	1535	Q. Do you recall there being news
10		know where it came from or who wrote it, and if you	10		releases about the government's commitment to the
11		want to make your argument, you're free to make	11		long-term future of racing and breeding; right?
12		your argument in terms of what it says and whether	12		A. I recall that discussion.
13		it's accurate or not, but he has no comment on it.	13	1536	Q. And do you recall the ORC making
14		BY MR. LISUS:	14		industry releases and posting its plans on its
15	1526	Q. Let me ask you a question, sir.	15		website?
16		Do you remember yesterday we spoke about the	16		A. I recall seeing those postings.
17		various speaking points for the estimates	17	1537	Q. And then we see the Premier's
18		committee? Do you remember that?	18		office putting out ads like this to destabilize the
19		A. I do remember.	19		breeding sector. Do you think that
20	1527	Q. And do you remember those speaking	20		MR. RATCLIFFE: Counsel, you don't know
21		points talking about SARP as a good program that	21		that it's the Premier's office.
22		benefits the agricultural sector and	22		MR. LISUS: Well, who could it possibly
23		A. It talked about how the SARP	23		be?
24		program was helping the sector.	24		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, I don't know.
25	1528	Q. So can you help me understand how	25		Eventually you'll find out, I guess. It's not
		Page 423			Page 42
1		in the space of a few months the SARP program goes	1		clear it's relevant in any way, and he's indicated
2		from being a good program helping the sector to a	2		he can't comment on it. So you're free to use it
3		secret subsidy for a few very wealthy racetrack	3		whatever way you want.
4		owners?	4		BY MR. LISUS:
5		MR. RATCLIFFE: He said he can't	5	1538	Q. You and I can agree, sir, that
6		comment on that. He has no comment.	6		these ads have nothing to do with gaming policy?
7		BY MR. LISUS:	7		A. They're political ads.
8	1529	Q. Do you think this is a	8	1539	Q. They're vicious political ads;
9		communication made in good faith, sir?	9		right?
10		A. I don't know who authored it and	10		A. They're political ads.
11		their intent. It's a political ad, and, as I said,	11	1540	Q. You won't agree that they're
12		I don't comment on political ads.	12	1310	vicious?
13	1530	Q. Can you identify any good intent	13		A. I don't comment on political ads.
14	1330	in the text of this ad?	14	1541	Q. Did you know that Cabinet
15		MR. RATCLIFFE: He said that he can't	15	1341	ministers were disseminating these ads?
16			16		A. I did not know that.
		comment on it.	1	1540	
17	1 5 2 1	BY MR. LISUS:	17	1542	Q. Do you think it's appropriate for
18 19	1531	Q. Are you aware when the breeders'	18		Cabinet ministers to be disseminating ads like
1 U		breeding season is?	19		this?
		A. No. We talked a bit about it	20		R/F MR. RATCLIFFE: He's not going to
20		yesterday.	21		answer that. We've covered this over and over
20 21		O D lane black it is 1 - 1 - 0	22		again. You're free to make whatever argument you
20 21 22	1532	Q. Do you know that it's in February?	١.		
20 21 22 23		A. No, I did not.	23		want.
20 21 22	1532 1533		23 24 25	1543	want. BY MR. LISUS: Q. If the ads came from the Premier's

1		Page 426 office, you would have had to have been aware of	1		Page 428 from being a good program that supported the rural
2		it; right?	2		agricultural sector to being a secret subsidy for a
3		A. Not necessarily.	3		few wealthy racetrack owners?
4	1544	Q. You're telling me that someone in	4		A. I can't comment on that last
5	1311	the Premier's office	5		reference.
6		A. When it comes to political ads, we	6	1554	Q. Do you recall being surprised by
7		don't comment on them.	7	1334	the radio ads when you became aware of them?
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-	1545	Q. I didn't finish the question.	8	1555	A. I don't comment on political ads.
9		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well	9	1555	Q. I'm having trouble understanding
10	1546	BY MR. LISUS:	10		your answer. I'm not asking you to comment on the
11	1546	Q. Are you telling me that someone in	11		political ads. I'm asking if you were surprised
12		the Premier's office can put out radio ads to the	12		A. The political side of a government
13		public without the Premier being aware?	13		does ads all the time. We don't comment on them.
14		R/F MR. RATCLIFFE: He's not answering any	14		They come and go, and it so when they come in,
15		more questions about this. We've covered this	15		when we do see them, we don't comment on them if we
16		territory over and over again.	16		do see them. We may not see them.
17		BY MR. LISUS:	17	1556	Q. The political side of the
18	1547	Q. I want to show you Exhibit 13 on	18		government is the side that makes the decisions?
19		Mr. Shortill's examination. Take a look at that.	19		A. Decisions made by government, so
20		Laurel Broten, who was Laurel Broten in February	20		the decision to do the ad would be a political
21		2012? Was she a Cabinet minister?	21		decision.
22		A. She left Cabinet.	22	1557	Q. The decision to cancel
23	1548	Q. She lost her seat in the 2011	23		A. That would be a Cabinet decision
24		election, didn't she? She's a former Cabinet	24		made by government.
25		minister; right?	25	1558	Q. And the Cabinet decision or the
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1		Page 427 A. Yes, she was a former Cabinet	1		Page 429 elected ministers, correct, like Minister Broten?
2		minister.	2		A. Collectively, Cabinet makes a
3	1549	Q. And what she is doing is sending	3		decision.
4	1317	an email out, which said from Laurel Broten,	4	1559	Q. We can agree that those decisions
5		Sunday, 26 February 2012, and it's disseminating	5	1337	should be made in good faith; right?
6		this radio ad, and she signs the email	6		A. Those decisions are made as part
7		Laurel Broten, Minister of Education. Do you see	7		of Cabinet deliberation that factors in a number of
8		that?	8		attributes.
9		A. I do see that.	9	1560	
	1550			1300	~
10	1550	Q. So it appears a Cabinet minister	10		do with the civil service, why is it being emailed
11		is disseminating these ads; right? Do you see	11		around to the civil service?
12		that?	12		MR. RATCLIFFE: Mr. Lisus, you keep
13		A. I see it's a Liberal party ad. So	13		beating this drum, but
14		it's a political ad done by the Ontario	14		MR. LISUS: I'm just trying to
15	1551	Q. Sent by the Minister of Education;	15		understand what's going on.
16		correct?	16		MR. RATCLIFFE: He's answered your
17		A. I can't attest to	17		question.
18	1552	Q. She would have been at the Cabinet	18		MR. LISUS: No, he said he doesn't
19		meeting on February 8th; right?	19		comment on political ads.
20		A. I don't know who was in	20		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, no, quite apart
21		attendance.	21		from that. He said he didn't know why it was being
22	1553	Q. Okay. Can you offer any	22		circulated out there, and you keep asking that
23		explanation for why the government's position seems	23		question.
24		to have so radically changed in the space of just a	24		BY MR. LISUS:
25		few months about the Slots at Racetrack Program	25	1561	Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Duncan about
1 43		Tew months about the prote at hatetrach rroyldill	45	TOOT	y. Did you ever ask hir. Durican

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1		this ad?	1		"Discussed issues on a call
2		A. No.	2		with Mr. McMeekin this afternoon.
3	1562	Q. Did you ever ask anyone in	3		As agriculture minister, he was
4		Minister Duncan's office on the political side	4		hoping that there was a more
5		about the ad?	5		in-depth economic impact analysis
6		A. No.	6		that had been done of the strategy
7		MR. LISUS: How are we coming along	7		of one-year withdrawal of subsidy.
8		with Project 76, Mr. Ratcliffe?	8		We clarified some direct
9		MR. RATCLIFFE: I understand that	9		employment numbers with him on the
10		it's here?	10		phone and said ORC was doing a few
11		MR. KORT: Yes.	11		scenarios for next week, but
12		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.	12		frankly, we do not have a detailed
13		MR. MATTHEWS: Radio ads, CRE81193,	13		study of the sort that he was hoping
14		Exhibit 31.	14		we had."
15		MR. ROSENBERG: Why are we marking this	15		Do you see that?
16		as an exhibit?	16		A. I see that reference.
17		MR. MATTHEWS: Because it's an email to	17	1568	Q. Do you recall Minister McMeekin
		him.		1300	-
18			18		questioning why there wasn't a more detailed study
19		EXHIBIT NO. 31: CRE0081193.	19		and Mr. Goodwin saying there wasn't one?
20		MR. RATCLIFFE: There's a	20		A. I do recall seeing this email, not
21		clarification, I guess, just in terms of which	21		the details, per se, but
22		ministry it was.	22	1569	Q. And you responded saying:
23		MR. KORT: At the time, it was the	23		"Thanks for the update. If we
24		Ministry of Economic Development and Growth. That	24		can get OEP to do some economic
25		has a different name.	25		analysis that shows the net impact
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1		THE WITNESS: That's the current name	1		of cutting horse racing subsidies
2		now. The previous name	2		and investing in health care and
3		MR. KORT: Economic Development and	3		education."
4		Trade.	4		That's what your solution was to the issue of
5		THE WITNESS: Yes, Economic Development	5		Minister McMeekin being concerned that there wasn't
6		and Trade. That would have been the ministry	6		a more in-depth economic analysis; right?
7		charged with oversight of the review.	7		A. He was asking them to do some more
8		BY MR. LISUS:	8		economic analysis looking at both sides of the
9	1563	Q. Now, after Minister Duncan's	9		equation.
10	1303	speech, the industry reacted to the message; right?	10	1570	Q. Okay. This is 11 days after the
11		A. I don't recall exactly.	11	1370	decision has been taken at Cabinet; correct?
12	1564	Q. Did you become aware of Minister	12		
13	TOOA			1571	
тэ		McMeekin expressing unhappiness about the way the decision was made?	13	TOIT	Q. February 19th.
			14	1550	A. 19th.
14			1 -		O War
14 15		A. As minister for Agriculture and	15	1572	Q. Yes.
14 15 16	1565	A. As minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs?	16	1572	A. And the decision was on February
14 15 16 17	1565	A. As minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs? Q. Yes.	16 17		A. And the decision was on February 18th.
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22		A. As minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs? Q. Yes. A. He may be getting feedback from the sector, and he may have commented. I don't recall. Q. Okay. I want to show you an email sequence, 106086. This begins with an email from	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	1573 1574	A. And the decision was on February 18th. Q. February 8. A. 8. Q. Right? A. Yes. Q. If we go on on February 2nd,

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1		A. Okay. Yeah.	1		MR. RATCLIFFE: Counsel, there it goes
2	1577	Q. Ms. Yeigh and Mr. Goodwin are	2		again, a decision by Mr. Duncan and the former
3		emailing each other. Ms. Yeigh is saying:	3		Premier to cancel the decision. Perhaps you can
4		"Bit of another factor for us	4		reframe that.
5		to think about spoke with someone	5		BY MR. LISUS:
6		who mentioned the quick removal of	6	1583	Q. The direction given by Minister
7		these funds will result in excess	7		Duncan and Minister McGuinty to cancel revenue
8		horse supply which could cause us	8		share with no transition support and one year's
9		further negative press if they are	9		notice.
10		euthanized."	10		MR. RATCLIFFE: I think
11		Do you see that?	11		"recommendation" is the word that we agreed upon
12		A. I do see that.	12		previously.
13	1578	Q. So the question of euthanization	13		MR. LISUS: I don't think we agreed on
14		of horses is now emerging as an issue that hadn't	14		anything.
15		been thought about; right?	15		THE WITNESS: So your question is?
16		A. So I can't say hasn't been thought	16		BY MR. LISUS:
17		of, but it does surface here in the email system.	17	1584	Q. Are you aware that Minister
18	1579	Q. Okay. And do you see Mr. Goodwin	18		McMeekin was not included in that decision-making
19		says:	19		process?
20		"Yes, I assumed some horses	20		A. Again, I wasn't at that meeting
21		would be put down rather than	21		with the Premier and what communications it had
22		maintained. Especially if	22		with his office. I presume he was at the Cabinet
23		neighbouring jurisdictions also	23		discussion, although I can't
24		getting smaller. Confidentially a	24	1585	0. He doesn't seem to have
25			25	1303	~
23		few strange exchanges with T."	25		understood, sir, what was being recommended and
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1		Do you understand that to be Ted McMeekin?	1		agreed upon.
2	1500	A. I don't have a sense of who T is.	2		A. So I can't I can't explain or
3	1580	Q. Okay.	3		assess what his level of understanding at Cabinet if he was there or not.
4		" exchanges with T late	4		Capiner if he was there or not.
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3		as they needed to be, and my	3		Agriculture and Food, she did express some concerns
4		predecessor knew that. The former	4		about the issue and how the sector was being
5		Minister of Agriculture, Food and	5		affected by that decision.
6		Rural Affairs understood that we	6	1595	Q. Are you aware
7		needed to take a second look at some	7	1373	A. I don't remember the specifics.
8		of those decisions that were made."	8	1596	Q. Are you aware that she said that
		You're aware that she said that?	9	1390	the decision was made without due consideration for
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10	1500	A. Not those precise words.	10		the impacts?
11	1590	Q. Okay. Do you have any idea why	11		A. I don't know exactly what she was
12		Minister McMeekin was feeling left out in the cold?	12	1505	referring to.
13		A. No.	13	1597	Q. Okay. You directed after the
14		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.	14		decision that the office of economic policy do
15		MR. ROSENBERG: For identification.	15		additional study; correct?
16		It's an email exchange between Mr. Goodwin and	16		A. That's correct.
17		Ms. Yeigh.	17	1598	Q. And you directed that it study the
18		MR. MATTHEWS: It begins with an email	18		impacts of the decision on the agricultural
19		exchange to Mr. Orsini who's subsequently copied on	19		industry, including employment; correct?
20		a number of emails in the chain, so we're going to	20		A. I asked them to do impact
21		mark it as the next number in sequence being 32.	21		analysis, impact on the sector and the reason why
22		MR. ROSENBERG: You have my objection.	22		the decision was made to fund health care and
23		EXHIBIT NO. 32: CRE0106086.	23		education. I asked them to include that other
24		BY MR. LISUS:	24		component.
25	1591	Q. You're aware that the Auditor	25	1599	Q. Did they do that study for you?
		Page 439			Page 441
1		General issued a report in 2014 that was very	1		A. They pulled together whatever
2		critical of the way the decision to cancel the	2		information they had at the time.
3		revenue share was made?	3	1600	Q. Do you recall if they presented it
4		A. I was aware of a report that was	4		to you?
5		done, but I don't recall the details.	5		A. I can't recall the specifics of
6	1592	Q. Are you aware that the response	6		it, but they did come out with net impact numbers.
7		given to response prepared for Kathleen Wynne	7	1601	Q. Okay. I want to show you a
8		who was then Premier to the Auditor General report	8		document, CRE14699. And this was the study that
9		was to say:	9		the office of economic policy did on March 14,
10		"I've always argued the	10		2012, or put out on March 14, 2012, which is about
11		decision to cancel the Slots at	11		five weeks after the decision was made; right?
12		Racetrack Program was not done	12		A. It says a revised draft, so there
13		properly, which the Auditor General	13		might have been earlier versions of it. I can't
14		confirms."	14		comment either way.
15			15	1602	-
1		A. You're asking me to confirm		T007	Q. Okay. And the office of economic
16		something I'm not aware of or can't recall the	16		policy concluded that as a consequence of the
17	1502	specifics.	17		decision, job losses of 3,500 to 5,800 annually;
18	1593	Q. Okay. You weren't aware of that?	18		right?
19		A. Is it referenced in the Auditor	19	1600	A. I'm just looking for the
20		General report? I'm just trying to understand the	20	1603	Q. Under the conclusions on the first
21		reference.	21		page.
22	1594	Q. Yes, it is. We'll come to that in	22		A. So they break it down. There's an
23		a little bit. Were you aware, sir, in 2013 that	23		overall conclusion, and then there's subcomponents.
24		Kathleen Wynne thought that the decision which was	24		You're referring to one of the subcomponents of the
25		made in February 2012 was made improperly?	25		overall conclusion, and that does say 3,500 to

1		Page 442 5,800.	1	Page 444 March 12, okay, and on March 14th, we have a draft
2	1604	Q. And a positive net impact on jobs	2	decision from the a draft analysis from the OEP;
3		and economic growth; right?	3	right?
4		A. Knowing where the funds were going	4	A. Correct. A revised draft.
5		to be reinvested in the economy.	5	1617 Q. The horse is out of the barn;
6	1605	Q. And annual employment gains of	6	right? The decision has been publicly announced
7		5,700 to 6,700; right?	7	that SARP is going to be cancelled effective March
8		A. That's their estimate given the	8	2013; right?
9		best information they had at the time.	9	A. If your dates are correct.
10	1606	Q. If SARP expenditures were	10	Q. Are you aware that the first
11		reallocated to health care or education	11	the chair of the Ontario Racing Commission was
12		expenditure; right?	12	informed of Cabinet's decision was by a phone call
13		A. Based on their analysis, yes.	13	from Mr. Stransky the day before the March 12
14	1607	Q. Okay. And so based on this	14	announcement?
15		document, it was decided that the decision would be	15	A. I wasn't aware of the timing of
16		maintained; correct?	16	any communication between the minister's office and
17		A. I'm not sure the decision was	17	the chair.
18		had gone back to Cabinet, so	18	1619 Q. And recalling our discussion
19	1608	Q. It didn't go back to Cabinet.	19	yesterday, the ORC was the regulator and had been
20		A. That's my understanding.	20	involved in an extensive review of the program,
21	1609	Q. So Cabinet never took another look	21	right, racing program?
22		at this?	22	A. That's correct.
23		A. I don't believe Cabinet did. It	23	1620 Q. Here's what Mr. Seiling explained:
24		doesn't mean they didn't have conversations with	24	Q. "In fact, you only found out
25		ministers only.	25	about the decision, I understand,
		Page 443		Page 445
1	1610	Q. You don't know one way or another?	1	the evening before it was announced?
2		A. I don't know one way or another.	2	A. Correct. Blair Stransky called
3	1611	Q. But you do know it didn't go back	3	me to tell me that the announcement
4		to Cabinet?	4	was being made the next day. I
5		A. It wasn't going back as a formal	5	asked him were they sure they
6		submission.	6	understood what the ramifications
7		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit,	7	were, that did they not need some
8		please.	8	outside advice. And they said, No,
9		MR. MATTHEWS: 33.	9	that he was they were quite
10		EXHIBIT NO. 33: CRE0214699.	10	comfortable, and they were going
11		BY MR. LISUS:	11	ahead.
12	1612	Q. Do you recall when the decision	12	Q. So I will come back to that a
13		was publically announced?	13	little later on, but that's helpful.
14	1.610	A. In the March	14	And when the announcement was made
15	1613	Q. March 12.	15	in March 2012, you understood so
16	1.61.4	A. Oh, March 12th budget.	16	why don't you now just expand in
17	1614	Q. Yes, sir.	17	terms of what you recall from your
18	1615	A. I don't remember exactly.	18	discussion with Mr. Stransky that
19	1615	Q. Not the budget, the OLG	19	evening.
20		modernization report was March 12th which called	20	A. Mr. Stransky called me. He
21		for Slots at Racetrack Program to be drawn to a	21	told me there would be an
22		close; right?	22	announcement made the next day on
23		A. I don't recall exactly when the	23	the ending of SARP. I asked him if
24	1616	report came out. Q. Okay. Take it from me it was	24 25	he understood the impacts and that was he sure that the decision was
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1	Page 446 based on sound advice and that did	1		Page 448 sir?
2	they not need some expert advice,	2		A. I don't recall seeing that
3	and he said he was quite confident	3		conveyed to us. He would have relied on the
4	and comfortable with the advice that	4		ministry's best analysis looking at the number of
5	they had received.	5		racetracks that would continue and the job losses.
6	Q. And when you said to him do you	6	1623	Q. "He" being Mr. Stransky?
7	understand the impacts, you're	7	1025	A. He'd be looking at the earlier
8	referring to the impacts on the	8		analysis that were done based on the best
		-		information we had at the time.
9	horse racing industry?	9	1.004	
10	A. Correct.	10	1624	Q. But the best information you had
11	Q. And he assured you that he	11		at the time didn't include anything from ORC, the
12	understood it, and they were quite	12		regulator; right?
13	comfortable with it?	13		A. So I can't rule out conversations
14	A. Correct. I asked him if he	14		with them up to when we went into sort of budget
15	understood the impacts and should he	15		security.
16	not be getting third party at	16	1625	Q. Well, Mr. Seiling just did, as I
17	arm's-length advice, and he told me	17		read to you; right?
18	they were quite comfortable with	18		A. So at some point, we would have
19	their advice and their decision.	19		stopped communications with outside groups for that
20	Q. All right. Thanks for that	20		reason.
21	clarification. Did you understand	21	1626	Q. Sir, Mr. Seiling said he was never
22	immediately on being told what the	22		told anything about this decision.
23	decision was that it would have	23		A. I think that decision was all part
24	catastrophic impacts on the horse	24		of, if I recall correctly, budget secrecy at the
25	racing industry?	25		time.
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2		doesn't understand the impacts; right?	2		understand how best to move forward with a very
3		A. He was expressing concern.	3		difficult decision.
4	1631	Q. Your study from the office of	4		BY MR. LISUS:
5		economic policy as of March 14, two days after, is	5	1637	Q. Made on completely inadequate
6		still in draft; right? With me?	6		information; right?
7		A. Yes.	7		A. Based on the best information we
8	1632	Q. Why?	8		had at the time.
9		A. A revised draft.	9	1638	Q. But not based on the best
10	1633	Q. Why isn't the government taking	10		information that was available to you?
11		another look at this?	11		A. Within the restrictions of who we
12		R/F MR. ROSENBERG: Objection.	12		can consult with, it was the best information we
13		THE WITNESS: It's part of the entire	13		had at the time.
14		budget process. So if you allow me just to step	14	1639	Q. After the panel was appointed,
15		back for a sec, looking at the entire budget	15	2007	there was a very rapid consultation period; right?
16		preparation process, our deficit was rising. The	16		A. The panel was set up pretty
17		rating agencies were further threatening to	17		quickly.
18		downgrade the province. His fiscal target to	18	1640	Q. And the panel went and spoke to
19		government had to meet	19	1040	some people pretty quickly; right?
20		MR. RATCLIFFE: Let him finish.	20		A. They did very extensive outreach.
21		THE WITNESS: There's a number of	21		They consulted with ministries and the sector.
22			22	1641	0. And Mr. Wilkinson testified that
23		expenditure management where the sector would not	23	1041	~
		be pleased at all with the potential impacts on			he reviewed a couple of financial statements and
24		their operations.	24		knew immediately that the government's assumptions
25		BY MR. LISUS:	25		were all wrong?
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1	1634	Q. But we know that the government	1		MR. ROSENBERG: Counsel, to be fair to
2		goes back and substantially revises its decision	2		the witness, the documents Mr. Wilkinson said he
3		through the transition panel. We know it did that;	3		reviewed postdated the decision to cancel SARP.
4		right?	4		MR. LISUS: Well, fortunately there's
5		A. As more and more information came	5		record of everything Mr. Wilkinson said.
6		forward.	6		BY MR. LISUS:
7	1635	Q. All of which was available to you	7	1642	Q. Would you agree with me, sir, tha
8		when the decision was made, sir. It was all there;	8		the government didn't properly analyze the impacts
Ω		right?	9		
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1		Page 454 government to seek the input of the	1		Page 456 general impression.
2		ORC with respect to the horse racing	2	1655	Q. Did you recall the report saying
3		industry?	3		what the consequences of the decision would be?
4		A. You would be correct."	4		MR. ROSENBERG: Counsel, while we're
5		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, you have	5		paused, I'll put my objection on the record. Why
6		Mr. Orsini's answer.	6		are we asking this witness his recollection of the
7		BY MR. LISUS:	7		Auditor General's report? It's a document that
8	1645	Q. Are you aware that Mr. Seiling	8		exists.
9	1015	wrote a letter in 2012 to Mr. Godfrey?	9		MR. LISUS: I don't understand your
10		A. I can't recall offhand. I	10		objection.
11		wouldn't be surprised that he wrote, but I don't	11		MR. ROSENBERG: My objection is it's
12		recall offhand.	12		now 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the second day of
	1646				-
13	1646	Q. Did you support the appointment of	13		your examination. Why are we asking this witness
14		the panel?	14		if he recalls certain things from the Auditor
15		A. It was a government decision.	15		General's report? What's the possible relevance of
16	1647	Q. You didn't have a view on it?	16		that?
17		A. It came from Minister McMeekin, as	17		MR. LISUS: I'm not asking him that.
18		I understand.	18		MR. ROSENBERG: You just were.
19	1648	Q. I'm just asking you, sir, whether	19		MR. RATCLIFFE: Or the interim panel
20		you personally supported the	20		report.
21		A. I don't think we were asked for	21		MR. ROSENBERG: Interim panel report.
22		advice on that.	22		MR. LISUS: I am going to ask him about
23	1649	Q. Okay. And did you have a view	23		the Auditor General's report.
24		personally?	24		MR. ROSENBERG: Then I'll have the same
25		A. As I said, my professional advice	25		objection. All I'm saying is you're putting
		Page 455			Page 457
1		is to support the government in the direction that	1		documents before the witness and asking his
2		they're taking.	2		recollection of them.
3	1650	Q. Okay. So you didn't have a view	3		MR. LISUS: No, I'm not.
4		one way or the other?	4		BY MR. LISUS:
5		A. Other than to make sure that the	5	1656	Q. So I think I asked you whether you
6		Ministry of Finance could provide their best advice	6		read this report when it came out.
7		to the panel.	7		A. I believe I would have.
8	1651	Q. Okay. And did you review the	8	1657	Q. Okay. And did you read the panel
9		interim panel report when it came out?	9		concluded that there were 20- to 30,000 full-time
10		A. I don't think we had if anyone	10		equivalents as the estimated employment impact of
11		had, it might have been a technical review by the	11		Ontario horse racing? It's on page 8 of the
12		ministry. I don't recall having direct access to	12		report.
13		comment on the report itself. Not to say that the	13		A. So it refers to a number of
14		Ministry of Finance didn't have a chance to	14		studies that was identifying the number of
		comment. I just don't recall myself.	15	1658	
15		Commence. I just don t recarr myserr.		T030	Q. It says: "All in all, the panel feels
	1650	O Did you road it?	1 1 6		AII III AII, UIE PAIEI IEEIS
16	1652	Q. Did you read it?	16		
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1		Cabinet, which was only direct employment at	1		of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs lead the
2		racetracks; right?	2		review. The panel reported to Minister McMeekin,
3		A. You're referring to the economic	3		as I recall.
4		analysis from the Ministry of Finance; is that what	4	1667	Q. Did you know Dave Gene?
5		you're referring to?	5		A. I didn't know him well.
6	1660	Q. In the Cabinet submission, that	6	1668	Q. What was his role?
7		was the only economic impact?	7		A. I understood he was in the
8		MR. RATCLIFFE: Which part of the	8		Premier's office, but I didn't know his exact role.
9		Cabinet submission are you referring to?	9		He didn't attend to our fiscal prep committees. He
10		MR. LISUS: Top questions and answers	10		didn't attend to a lot of committees I was a party
11		for Cabinet discussion.	11		to.
12		BY MR. LISUS:	12	1669	Q. Were you aware that the panel
13	1661	O. "With full elimination of the	13	1007	found that the industry would collapse even with
14	1001	slots funding effective March 31,	14		\$50 million transition support over three years?
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		2013, Ministry of Finance estimates	15		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
16		that approximately 1,900 to 2,200	16	1.070	did express concern for the sector.
17		full- and part-time jobs would be	17	1670	Q. And were you aware that the panel
18		lost. The panel concluded between	18		concluded that there would be 20- to 30,000 job
19		20- and 30,000 full-time equivalent	19		losses?
20		jobs would be lost."	20		A. That's the reference you made
21		Right?	21		earlier.
22		A. That's what was referenced in the	22	1671	Q. And are you aware that the panel
23		interim report.	23		concluded that there would be euthanization of
24	1662	Q. Any idea how many standardbred	24		between 7,500 and 13,000 horses in early 2013?
25		horses there were in Ontario in Q1, 2012?	25		A. I don't recall the number in the
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1		A. I don't recall.	1		report but I do regall the idduc doming up
	1.660			1.600	report, but I do recall the issue coming up.
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4	advice to government on the amount of support it	4	other jurisdictions have resulted in	
5	would need to keep it at a more sustainable track	5	extreme emotional distress for	
6	-	6	owners that can be life-threatening.	
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8	recommendations came forward to government in terms	8	people would have to be supported in	
9	of what additional supports the sector would need.	9	that kind of nightmarish scenario.	
10	1677 Q. I want to read you what	10	In regard to that nightmarish	
11	Mr. Wilkinson said with respect to horses and job	11	scenario, we have drawn the	
12	losses when I examined him in this case.	12	conclusion that it was very	
13	Q. "If we go over the page to 20,	13	important that people would be	
14	you have in bold that the panel has	14	provided with emotional counselling.	
15	received expert advice that	15	It was going to be very traumatic.	
16	provisions should be made for the	16	Q. And the panel was therefore	
17	humane dispatch and disposal of	17	recommending supports to encourage	
18	7,500 to 13,000 horses in early	18	euthanizing horses and a support	
19	2013?	19	mechanism for horse owners in	
20	A. Yeah, from the veterinarians.	20	emotional distress; correct?	
21	It was it was a meeting that most	21	A. Yes.	
22	sears my memory of doing this work	22	Q. And the reason you were making	
23	for the and I would say for the	23	that recommendation is because the	
24	three of us. We were we were	24	panel was concerned that some horse	
25	actually worried about the horses	25	owners would be so traumatized by	
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1	and assured (ph) that we actually	1	the prospect of having to kill their	
2	had to worry about the veterinarians	2	horses that they wouldn't that	
3	who would be asked to do that and	3	they wouldn't be able to care for	
4	that ultimately they would not	4	them properly. You would have a	
5	because of experience that had	5	mass of horses in distress from	
6	happened. We had to make sure that	6	inadequate care and feeding.	
7	we were not that they would not	7	A. That or released into the wild,	
8	because of experience that had	8	I remember that also, where they	
9	happened in Ireland when a	9	would be subject to predation by	
10	similar when the zoonotic	10	wolves and things. Yeah, it was	
11	outbreak had forced the putting down	11	terrible. Terrible."	
12	of veterinarians having to put	12	MR. RATCLIFFE: Mr. Lisus, you've got	
13	down horses, and those veterinarians	13	those questions and answers from Mr. Wilkinson.	
14	had committed suicide, so it was	14	How is this relevant in terms of asking Mr. Orsini	_
15	very, very disturbing.	15	about it?	
16	Q. And not only did it result in	16	MR. LISUS: Well, I have a	
17	suicide for veterinarians, it	17	decision-maker in front of me, Mr. Ratcliffe. I'm	ı
18	results in suicides and	18	trying to understand whether Mr. Orsini was aware	-
	life-threatening events for owners;	19	of the sequence of the decisions that was made.	
19	right?	20	THE WITNESS: So Cabinet is the	
20		21	decision-maker. We did talk to the panel. They	
20 21	rotorinoriana told us Thorres	22	did share some of their concerns about the	
20 21 22	veterinarians told us. They were	22	authorization of houses. The consequent of	
20 21 22 23	speaking on behalf of veterinarians.	23	euthanization of horses. It was referenced in	
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1		BY MR. LISUS:	1		recommended go to zero on one year's notice with no
2	1678	Q. And are you telling me, sir, that	2		transition support. No one. The OLG didn't. Your
3		none of this information was available to the	3		staff didn't. The ORC didn't. No one recommended
4		ministry when it put this material together for	4		that; right?
5		Cabinet?	5		MR. ROSENBERG: To be fair to the
6		A. I think the panel was appointed to	6		witness, Counsel, McKinsey certainly did.
7		delve into much greater detail than we had at the	7		MR. LISUS: No, they didn't.
8		time.	8		THE WITNESS: I can't comment on
9	1679	Q. Well, that's what I don't	9		McKinsey.
10		understand, sir, because as we discussed a minute	10		BY MR. LISUS:
11		ago, in February you had Mr. Snobelen warning you	11	1687	Q. You weren't aware of that; right?
12		publicly in the media, and it was ignored; right?	12		A. I wasn't aware of McKinsey.
13		A. I think the view of concerns from	13		MR. LISUS: There you go.
14		the sector from all the budget decisions that were	14		BY MR. LISUS:
15		made from, you know, ending the ONTC, the	15	1688	Q. No one recommended it, sir, to
16		Northlander, to privatizing Service Ontario. All	16	1000	Cabinet. It was Minister Duncan and Minister
17		these decisions	17		McGuinty in a meeting.
18	1680	Q. Did you appoint a special panel to	18		A. Cabinet has to make a decision of
19	1000	look into the Northlander?	19		
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20	1.01	A. It was under	20	1.000	education.
21	1681	Q. Did you appoint a special panel	21	1689	Q. We can agree that McKinsey,
22		to	22		whatever it said, isn't anywhere in the Cabinet
23		MR. RATCLIFFE: Just let him finish	23		material; right?
24		his answer.	24		A. I'm not aware of the work of
25		THE WITNESS: It wasn't a panel. It	25		McKinsey.
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2		panel. I can't claim I went to all the meetings,	2		September. With the uncertainty
3		though.	3		that currently exists in the
4	1695	Q. Okay. But you weren't speaking	4		industry, buyers will not have
5	2070	with any of the panel members about their thinking	5		confidence which will negatively
6		as it evolved?	6		impact the prices paid for
7		A. I was speaking probably if any	7		yearlings crystalizing industry
8		panel member I spoke to is John Wilkinson.	8		financial losses."
	1606				
9	1696	Q. I wanted to show you 16 on	9		Do you see that?
10		Mr. Shortill's examination. This is a horse racing	10	1700	A. I see that reference.
11		industry transition panel update, which was a	11	1703	Q. Did you become aware that yearling
12		presentation made to Finance.	12		prices were down approximately 40 to 50 percent in
13		A. So this was transmitted from	13		the September yearling auctions?
14		OMAFRA to Finance. I'm just flipping through it	14		A. Is it 50 percent to the number
15		now.	15		it's not clear here. It says prices. I presume
16	1697	Q. I take it, Mr. Orsini, that once	16		that's what they refer.
17		the transition panel was appointed and was going to	17	1704	Q. There's some evidence on
18		do its work and make its recommendation, there	18		Mr. Snobelen's examination, and there's a document
19		wasn't any role for you, was there?	19		that values were down 50 percent on yearlings.
20		A. I think we were providing the	20		Were you aware of that kind of drop?
21		government establishing a panel to give advice to	21		A. I wasn't aware of that.
22		the government through the Minister of Agriculture,	22	1705	Q. Were you aware that the Auditor
23		Food and Rural Affairs. So our role would be	23		General's report says the values dropped 60
24		providing facts to here's our understanding to the	24		percent?
25		panel as well as OLG and the ORC.	25		A. I don't recall that specific
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1	1698	Q. You and your staff weren't going	1		number.
2		to make recommendations?	2	1706	Q. The Auditor General, to be clear,
3		A. No. They were collecting	3		says:
4		information, and they were the ones that were	4		"Breeders' activities have
5		making recommendations.	5		dropped by about 60 percent in
6	1699	Q. So the recommendation was going to	6		2013-14."
7		be made by the panel to the political staff and	7		Did you know that?
8		A. But to the Minister of	8		
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9		Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.	9		A. Not knowing what "activities" mean. I wasn't aware of the amount.
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2		option?	2	1720	Q. You don't know about compensation
3		A. The 300	3		being paid to the racetracks?
4	1711	Q. Excuse me, 300 million over three	4		A. For what?
5		years.	5	1721	Q. For compensation for the
6		A. Was a recommended option?	6		cancellation of the revenue-sharing arrangement.
7	1712	Q. Yes.	7		You weren't involved in any of that?
8		A. I do recall they had a bigger	8		A. I don't recall that. I don't
9		transition fund than originally announced by	9		recall either way.
10		government or subsequently announced by the	10	1722	Q. I want to ask you about an email
11		government.	11		that Mr. Wilkinson sent to Mr. Gene on August the
12	1713	Q. I take it from your prior answers,	12		3rd.
13		you didn't have a view on that one way or the	13		A. Okay. This is it's going to
14		other?	14		take me a bit of can you put it on the screen,
15		A. The government was relying on	15		please. Is there a second page to this?
16		advice by the panel as to their next course of	16	1723	Q. The back.
17		action.	17		A. If you could go to the next page,
18	1714	Q. Okay. Are you aware, Mr. Orsini,	18		please. Okay.
19		that the government undertook negotiations with the	19	1724	Q. Now, the genesis of this email
20		breeding sector for support in 2013 and 2014?	20		exchange was a radio interview that Mr. Sorbara
21		A. I'm not sure the question and who	21		gave on August 2nd.
22		you're referring to. Government? Was it the	22		A. Of 2012.
23		ministry?	23	1725	Q. Correct. In which Mr. Sorbara
24	1715	Q. It's not clear who. I haven't	24		says to the radio host that he's just spoken with
25		been able to find out. I think that it was that	25		Mr. Wilkinson and the government is going to take
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1		Mr. Snobelen was involved in those negotiations.	1		another look or a second look at its decision to
2		Did you know that?	2		cancel the revenue share. Okay? I'm just giving
3		A. He would be a natural choice if	3		you that by way of background. That's the
4		there was negotiations. I don't know who	4		evidence. All right?
5		commissioned it.	5		A. I hear you.
6	1716	Q. Are you aware that the government	6	1726	Q. So Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Gene
7		concluded agreements with the thoroughbred and	7		is very upset that Mr. Sorbara has spoken on the
8		quarter horse breeding sector for support in terms	8		radio about speaking to Mr. Wilkinson. Okay? Are
9		of breeders rewards? Are you aware of that?	9		you with me?
10		A. I'm not familiar with that.	10		A. I'm following you.
11	1717	Q. Are you aware, sir, that	11	1727	Q. All right. So Mr. Wilkinson
12		Mr. Snobelen was directed to withhold breeders	12		composes this email on Friday, August the 3rd, the
13		rewards from the standardbred sector because the	13		day after, to brief Mr. Gene and Mr. Shortill on
14		standardbreds had communicated their intention to	14		where the panel is at and what it's going to
15		go to court over the cancellation of revenue share?	15		recommend. Okay?
16		A. That I'm not aware of.	16		A. I'm following you.
17	1718	Q. Were you, sir, involved in the	17	1728	Q. All right. And Mr. Wilkinson
18		decision to compensate racetracks, to pay some	18		explained that one of the things that he was
19		80 odd million dollars to racetracks?	19		managing at this time was that the Premier's office
20		A. I don't know about the	20		and Ministry of Finance's office didn't necessarily
21		compensation. I know OLG engaged them in the	21		see the work of the panel the same way and that
22		licensing for the square footage for the rental	22		Finance's the Ministry of Finance, the political
23		space for the slots.	23		office, didn't see things the same way as OMAFRA,
24	1719	Q. You don't know	24		and Mr. Wilkinson felt he had to get the Premier's
25		A. And then some capital	25		office to weigh in and support the direction the
		I was some cuptur			

5 6	1729	Page 478 panel was taking. Okay? So he composed this email to Mr. Gene. All right? A. I see that. Q. Okay. And I take it, sir, you	1 2 3	1735 1736	Page 480 Q. I presume it's Michael Keegan. A. Okay. It doesn't say. Q. Right. You've seen that
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1729	to Mr. Gene. All right? A. I see that.	2		A. Okay. It doesn't say.
3 4 5 6 7 8	1729	A. I see that.		1736	
4 5 6 7 8	1729		"		
5 6 7 8	1127		4	1750	Mr. Keegan is CCed on the email?
6 7 8		weren't involved	5		A. Right.
7 8		A. No.	6	1737	5
8	1720		7	1/3/	Q. He goes on to say:
	1730	** ************************************			"I will lay out the plan B and
		A. No. I don't have any recollection	8		time lines we need to avoid the
	101	of this.	9		consequences of plan A, fiscal,
	1731	Q. Mr. Rosenberg, a few minutes ago,	10		legal, and political, and give us an
11		referred to the McKinsey report, and McKinsey had	11		advantage in the by-elections by
12		produced a report on August 1, a draft on August 1,	12		wedging both Tim and Andrea."
13		which is the day before August 2 on my	13		Do you understand what that means?
14		calculations.	14		A. Don't understand, but it appears
15		A. I would concur with your	15		political to me.
16		calculations.	16	1738	Q. Okay. And he says:
17	1732	Q. We agree on something.	17		"In a nutshell, the government
18		And so on Friday, August the 3rd,	18		will announce 150 million a year of
19		Mr. Wilkinson composes this email to Mr. Gene and	19		stable government investments in the
20		Mr. Keegan, and he says:	20		horse racing industry. It will cost
21		"Dave, we met with McKinsey	21		300 million over three years to be
22		hired by Finance."	22		replaced by increased Pari-Mutuel
23		Were you aware that Finance had hired McKinsey?	23		handle and the introduction of
24		A. I know OLG did, and I don't know	24		sports betting run exclusively by
25		whether Finance adopted hired them at the same	25		the horse racing industry using
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1		time.	1		their existing infrastructure."
2	1733	Q. Do you believe that McKinsey was	2		And he goes on to talk about:
3		hired in the summer of 2012?	3		"Politically our report will
4		A. I do recall McKinsey being hired.	4		say the government was right to
5		I can't recall what contract and when.	5		cancel the status quo."
	1734	Q. And he says:	6		Do you see that?
7		"Dave, we met with McKinsey	7		A. I see that reference.
8		hired by Finance. He confirmed	8	1739	Q. And he says:
9		under their wildly optimistic best	9	1737	"SARP had become over time bad
10		case scenario, i.e., no collapse of	10		public policy."
11		the industry, we are looking at	11		Do you see that?
		13,000 job losses and 16,000			•
12		euthanized horses between	12	17/10	A. I see that reference.
13			13	1740	Q. And you and I discussed yesterday
14		September 4 and December 31.	14		that certainly in 2010 and 2011, the position of
15		Collapse which we think is what will			the government certainly to the estimates committee
16		actually happen is 23,000 job losses	16		for the purposes of budgets was that SARP was good
17		and 27,000 dead horses. The	17		public policy; right?
18		lawsuits coming our way will add up	18		A. I don't recall the word "good
		to 500 million, and you will be	19		public policy," but it talked about the benefits of
19		lucky to settle for 250 million."	20		the sector.
19 20		He goes on to say:	21	1741	Q. And it didn't talk about any
19 20 21					detection and an extension of the control of the Co
19 20 21 22		"Michael has asked me to join	22		detriments either; right?
19 20 21 22 23		"Michael has asked me to join him on Wednesday morning. I will	22 23		A. It talked about the benefits to
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1		2012 that SARP had become bad public policy?	1		foregone of having a benefit to taxpayer-supported
2		A. I think at the time there's a	2		programs and services.
3		general view that there could be much better value	3	1750	Q. You're referring to money foregone
4		to taxpayers.	4		in the sense that the money from the wagering
5	1743	Q. Okay. So given that it was	5		public that is shared with racetracks and the horse
6		identified positively in 2011, when between 2011	6		racing sector isn't money that is given to the
7		and August 2012 did SARP become bad public policy?	7		government by way of a dividend from OLG; right?
8		A. I think there was a general sense,	8		A. Right. So the betting that is
9		and it's also in his email that there was wasn't	9		done in the slots, the net revenue is going to OLG.
10		sufficient accountability. It could be better	10		The whole modernization how do we increase that to
		-	11		go into the consolidated revenue fund to fund
11		value for the money that was going to the sector to	12		3
12		become more independent in terms of driving demand		1051	taxpayer-supported programs and services.
13	1844	as related to wagering.	13	1751	Q. And the decision was we'll
14	1744	Q. So better accountability was	14		increase that by cancelling the share that goes to
15		needed as to	15		racetrack operators in the horse racing industry;
16		A. I think there's a number of	16		right?
17		examples cited.	17		A. That was the ultimate decision
18	1745	Q. Okay. And I asked Mr. Wilkinson	18		that was later reviewed by the panel.
19		and Mr. Snobelen about that, and they both	19	1752	Q. Right. And you and I can agree,
20		confirmed, as I think you did yesterday, that there	20		sir, that operating expenses in the nature of a
21		weren't any accountability concerns with respect to	21		commission are not foregone revenue?
22		the breeding sector; right?	22		R/F MR. ROSENBERG: Objection.
23		A. I don't recall saying either way	23		MR. RATCLIFFE: How is this relevant to
24		in the breeding sector.	24		anything?
25	1746	Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that	25		MR. LISUS: I understand this is
		Page 483			Page 485
1		and tell me if you have an understanding or not	1		sensitive to you, but Mr. Orsini is testifying
2		the accountability concerns was with respect to	2		about foregone revenue and characterizing funds
3		what racetrack operators were doing with their	3		generated
4		share of the SARP revenue?	4		MR. RATCLIFFE: In terms of whether the
5		A. I didn't indicate either way.	5		money was raised through gambling, how is that of
6		I think it was a general sense that we're getting	6		any bearing on the issues in this claim?
7		best value for taxpayers' money.	7		MR. LISUS: Oh, I think it has a great
8	1747	Q. When you say "taxpayers' money,"	8		deal of bearing on the issues raised.
9		sir, you'll recall our discussion yesterday that	9		THE WITNESS: The whole modernization
10		the SARP revenue share was not funds from the	10		was to increase revenues to the consolidated
11		consolidated revenue fund; right?	11		revenue fund. I mean, the whole premise land-based
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12		A. It was as the modernization was	14		casino, redesign
12 13					casino, redesign BY MR. LISUS:
13		looking to do was to increase the amount of money	13	1753	BY MR. LISUS:
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2	1756	A. Is it referring to	2		reference by recommending \$300 million of support;
3	1756	Q. You remember that panel I showed	3		right?
4		you	4		A. I'm just reviewing it now. So I
5		A. I do recall it talked about	5		said the report could create an ongoing fiscal
6	1757	Q. Timing being urgent.	6		pressure of up to \$150 million a year. So Finance
7		A. I do recall that.	7		would identify anything coming forward that would
8	1758	Q. Right. And here we see	8		create a fiscal obligation as part of the
9		Mr. Wilkinson telling Mr. Gene that the situation	9		deliberations going into the decision-making
10		is quite dire for the horse racing industry, and we	10		process of Cabinet.
11		know that Mr. Wilkinson and his co-panelists	11	1763	Q. That's fine. Thank you. I want
12		presented to the Ministry of Finance saying timing	12		to have you look at the Ministry of Finance
13		is urgent; right?	13		comments, which are behind the email and the very
14		A. I do recall that reference.	14		last page of the comments at the bottom. Do you
15	1759	Q. And Mr. Gene is telling	15		see where it says page 25, subsidy or partnership?
16		Mr. Shortill we need to slow them down?	16		A. Okay, so page 25. I'll find it.
17		A. I can't comment on what he was	17		MR. RATCLIFFE: It's right here.
18		intending by that statement.	18		THE WITNESS: Yeah, page 25.
19	1760	Q. Well, he thought the panel was	19		BY MR. LISUS:
20	1700	moving too quickly; right?	20	1764	Q. So this is two pages. CRE24180
21		MR. ROSENBERG: Counsel, how's he	21	1701	are five pages of commentary by Ministry of Finance
22		supposed to answer that?	22		staff on the draft report of the panel. Okay?
23		MR. RATCLIFFE: I think he just said he	23		
		5		1765	5
24		can't speculate about what it was he was trying to	24	1765	Q. And commentary with respect to
25		say there.	25		page 25 concerns the question of subsidy or
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1		MR. LISUS: Well, when I see the words	1		partnership; right?
2		"we need to slow them down," that suggests to me	2		A. I see that.
3		that the panel needs to be slowed down. Is that	3	1766	Q. And it appears that the Finance
4		what that suggests to you?	4		staff are making commentary on the panel's comments
5		R/F MR. ROSENBERG: That's fine evidence	5		about whether SARP was a subsidy or a partnership;
6		you've given, Mr. Lisus, but it is not relevant,	6		right? See that?
7		and I don't understand why we're wasting time on	7		A. I see the reference to that.
8		this.	8	1767	Q. Okay. And can we agree that the
9		THE WITNESS: You'd have to ask him. I	9		question of whether SARP was a subsidy or a
10		don't know what his intent was.	10		partnership was not part of the interim panel's
11		BY MR. LISUS:	11		terms of reference?
ΤŢ	177		10		A. I don't recall what their specific
	1761	Q. Well, I will. I want to ask you a	12		
12	1/61	Q. Well, I will. I want to ask you a question about CRE24178.	13		terms of reference was.
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1	1769	Page 490 Q. And it was important in 2012 to	1		Page 49 that's correct, then I would acknowledge that.
2		the Ministry of Finance to support the notion that	2	1775	Q. Thank you.
3		SARP was some kind of subsidy; right?	3		MR. LISUS: We're going to mark that as
4		A. I think I always looked at it was	4		the next exhibit.
5		a value-for-money proposition; are we getting the	5		MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit 34, which is
6		best value from that arrangement.	6		CRE406984.
7	1770	Q. Okay. And you were satisfied that	7		EXHIBIT NO. 34: CRE0406984.
8	1770	as SARP had evolved in 2012 whereas government was	8		BY MR. LISUS:
9		at one time getting good value from the	9	1776	O. And so your comments on the
10		arrangement, by 2012, it was no longer getting good	10	1770	report, the draft interim panel report, and
11		value from the arrangement; is that fair?	11		ministry staff's comments on it is that the
12		A. That was the review process. It	12		recommendation in the report could create an
13		started off as how could we get the best value from	13		ongoing fiscal pressure of up to 150 million a
13 14		this arrangement, and then ultimately the	14		year; right?
			15		
15		government's decision was to proceed with the		1777	
16		Pari-Mutuel tax relief and to give one year's	16	1777	Q. Okay.
17	1001	notice with it.	17		MR. LISUS: And that's the next
18	1771	Q. So you didn't look at it as	18		exhibit, please.
19		whether or not these funds were a subsidy or an	19		MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit 35, CRE24178 and
20		operating expense. It was just whether the	20		its attachment.
21		commercial arrangement in place delivered the best	21		EXHIBIT NO. 35: CRE0024178 and
22		value for the Ontario government?	22		CRE0024180.
23		A. That's how I how I looked at	23		BY MR. LISUS:
24		it.	24	1778	Q. Now, I want to ask you about
25	1772	Q. Thank you. Now, I wanted to	25		Exhibit 21 on Mr. Bardeesy's examination, which is
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1		follow up with Project 76 because I don't want to	1		an email sequence in the Premier's office about the
2		forget it. Mr. Ratcliffe has provided me with an	2		report. It's dated August 21. The email statement
3		excerpt or extract from what I understand is a	3		is actually about Minister McMeekin's statement on
4		400-page draft final report.	4		the interim report. And do you know these folks,
5		If we could just look at it together,	5		Wendy McCann?
6		sir, I understand that this draft final report is a	6		A. Premier's office communications.
7		compilation of all of the business support programs	7		I'm not a hundred percent sure.
8		that were in existence as of 2011; is that fair?	8	1779	Q. Tyler Charlebois?
9		A. You're saying all? I can't attest	9		A. I don't know.
10		to them saying it covered every single program.	10	1780	Q. Laura Miller?
11	1773	Q. Okay.	11		A. I think she worked in the
12		MR. RATCLIFFE: You may want to take a	12		Premier's office in deputy principal secretary.
13		minute to flip through because there's charts and	13		I'm not sure.
14		graphs charts, certainly, in terms of what was	14	1781	Q. Karim Bardeesy we know.
15		included and what was excluded, and there's also a	15		Brian Teefy we know; right?
16		list of things that were excluded. And in the	16		Now, Wendy McCann says that:
17		second last page, in the list of ones that	17		"Minister McMeekin's statement
18		THE WITNESS: I can't attest to it	18		will be reported as an aboutface or
19		capturing every single	19		capitulation especially after all
20		BY MR. LISUS:	20		our messaging about choosing
21	1774	Q. One thing we can agree is that, as	21		children over horses."
		the cover email says, Slots at Racetrack Program is	22		Do you see that?
		not mentioned at all in the Project 76 review;	23		A. I just need to find myself.
22		not mentioned at all in the rioject to review			3
22		correct?	24	1782	Q. Bottom of the page.

1	1783	Page 494 Q. Were you aware that the Premier's	1		Page 490 interpretations.
2		communication staff were not happy with the	2	1791	Q. Does she say that the deficit is
3		statement Minister McMeekin wanted to make about	3		about 4 billion?
4		the interim panel?	4		A. She does add another amount. I'm
5		A. I don't recall seeing this email.	5		not sure
6	1784	Q. And you don't recall hearing	6	1792	Q. Does 4 billion sound about right?
7		sentiments like this?	7		A. The financial accountability
8		A. I think we heard it from the	8		officer has a different amount. I can't remember
9		fiscal pressure side.	9		the exact amount.
10	1785	Q. Okay. And Karim Bardeesy says:	10	1793	Q. Would you have a look at what the
11		"We have committed, but there's	11		financial accountability officer says the budget
12		considerable pressure to reconsider	12		deficit is and tell Mr. Ratcliffe so he can tell
13		a second time. I don't think	13		me?
14		there's much appetite to provide	14		A. I will send the relevant documents
15		ongoing transitional assistance	15		to
16		beyond the 50 million or sustained	16		MR. RATCLIFFE: How is that relevant?
17		assistance beyond the transitional	17		THE WITNESS: to Mr. Ratcliffe.
18		period, which is what the statement	18		U/A MR. RATCLIFFE: We'll take that request
19		opened the door to."	19		under advisement.
20		Do you remember there being resistance amongst the	20		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit,
21		Premier's staff to any transition support as	21		please. It's already an exhibit.
22		recommended by the panel beyond the \$50 million	22		MR. MATTHEWS: So we won't mark this.
23		over three years bargained with the NDP as a result	23		BY MR. LISUS:
24		of the budget deal?	24	1794	Q. I want to ask you about
25		A. I don't recall specifically. This	25		CRE0031439. You told me earlier, sir, about some
1		Page 495 was at a time when the rating agencies were looking	1		Page 49 differences that you understood to exist between
2		at our finances, and there was heightened	2		the Quebec horse racing industry and the Ontario
3		sensitivity to anything that would increase our	3		horse racing industry.
4		expenditures or reduce our revenues.	4		A. That's my understanding.
5	1786	Q. You've mentioned the rating agency	5	1795	Q. CRE31439. And you became aware of
6	1700	and the deficit, et cetera	6	1193	these differences as a result of research that you
7		A. It was a very tense moment in	7		directed be undertaken in September 2012; correct?
ρ		time.	۱ ′		A. I'm just reviewing it now.
9	1787	Q. Right. You told me the deficit	9	1796	Q. I presume, sir, this is the
ر 10	1/0/	was \$15 billion?	10	1750	information that you were thinking of when you told
11		·	11		me about the differences between the Quebec
11 12		A. The interim, so it was '14 and	12		~
		'10, '11 '11, '12 is tracking it over 15 billion.	13		industry and the Ontario horse racing industry? A. I remember staff saying there were
13 14	1700	0. What is the deficit	14		A. I remember staff saying there were significant differences between both industries.
1 4 15	1788	A. The government, in the last	15	1797	0. This is the first I can find of
15 16		-	16	1131	~
10 17		financial update, is forecasting a zero deficit for the '17, '18.	17		those differences being identified and reported to you and others. Does this refresh your
	1700				
18 10	1789	Q. Does the Auditor General agree	18		recollection as to when you became aware of those
19 20		with that forecast?	19		differences?
20		A. The Auditor General does not agree	20		A. I can't recall. If it's in the
21	1700	with that forecast.	21		slide decks earlier, I suspect it would have come
22	1790	Q. What does the Auditor General say	22	1500	up in the conversation.
2		the deficit is today?	23	1798	Q. You believe this information was
23		a manufacture for a contra	0.4		in the midde dealer and income
23 24 25		A. I don't know her numbers offhand, but she disagrees with some accounting	24 25		in the slide decks earlier? A. No, I think the reference to

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1		Quebec was in an earlier slide deck, and it would	1		recall seeing.
2		have conjured up some type of conversation. This	2	1804	Q. All right. Thank you. And I want
3		came afterwards, as you pointed out.	3		to show you Exhibit 25 on Mr. Bardeesy's
4	1799	Q. Correct.	4		examination, which is a presentation for a four
5		MR. LISUS: That's the next exhibit.	5		corners meeting, which you appear to have been
6		MR. MATTHEWS: Exhibit 36.	6		invited to. And I just want you to go to page 4 of
7		EXHIBIT NO. 36: CRE0031439.	7		the deck, the third bullet, where it says:
8		BY MR. LISUS:	8		"The government's response
9	1800	Q. I want to show you Exhibit 26 on	9		needs to come very quickly as there
10		the examination of Mr. Bardeesy. This is	10		are many decisions on the part of
11		Mr. Bardeesy reporting on a discussion he's just	11		tracks and horse people before a
12		had with Mr. Wilkinson, which is October 1, 2012.	12		racing schedule can be established
13		And I see that you're not included on this email.	13		for next year."
14		Is that because you weren't a decisionmaker at this	14		And it goes on to say:
15		point in time?	15		"The racing schedule needs to
16		A. It looks like it was an email to	16		be approved by the end of December.
17		political staff.	17		The horse race breeding industry is
18	1801	Q. And he's reporting that the	18		extremely vulnerable without clarity
19	1001	standardbred auction was cancelled because there	19		on government direction."
20		are no buyers. Another market indicator that there	20		Were you aware, sir, that the industry was at an
21		won't be a soft landing. Do you see that?	21		extremely vulnerable point and needed government
22		A. I see that reference.	22		direction?
23	1802	Q. And apparently McKinsey's new	23		A. I understand starting in the fall
24	1002	report has same basic flaw as the first report,	24		leading into the race dates, they were trying to
25		doesn't understand what drives economic behaviour.	25		get as much clarification from government as
23			23		
1		Page 499 I've only seen an August 1, 2012, report.	1		Page 50 possible.
2		And then we see the reference:	2	1805	Q. Okay. And if you go to page 3,
3		"Deal with job losses and dead	3	1003	Slide Number 3, do you see
4		horses. McKinsey set aside	4		A. Is this a quote? Did you say
5		28 million to deal with the horses."	5		Slide Number 3?
6		Are you aware of \$28 million being set aside to	6	1806	Q. Slide 3, yes, current status.
7		deal with horses?	7	1000	A. Okay. That's
8		A. I don't recall specifically to	8	1807	Q. You have it there. It's just the
9		that amount.	9	1007	deck I've given you is a bit out of sequence.
10	1803	Q. And he says:	10		A. There's another slide there.
11	1003	"We've come back with an upper	11	1808	Q. Look at page 752 in the corner.
12		cost of 300 million, but we're also	12	1000	A. I have it here. There's two decks
13		quite confident that you can	13		here.
14		negotiate a lower price. There's no	14	1809	Q. Right. It says:
15		horse racing industry anywhere	15	1009	"The panel's interim report was
16		that's viable without government	16		time to provide a signal to the
17		money."	17		industry prior to the fall yearling
		-			
18		So were you aware of the panel telling the Premier's office that there's a need for	18		sales which are a major source of revenue for horse breeders. The
19 20			19		
7.11		300 million, but they believe that because of the	20		government's announcement appears to
		circumstances of the industry, a lower price could	21		have partially mitigated a collapse
21		be negotiated?	22		of horse breeding returns.
21 22		3 T 314 - 33 13 1 1 2 1			
21 22 23		A. I don't recall this amount, but	23		Thoroughbred average prices were
21 22		A. I don't recall this amount, but that's where the 150 million a year, the fiscal pressure we noted earlier. This number I don't	24 25		down 22 percent to 50 percent, and standardbred prices were down

		Page 502		Page 504
1		40 percent."	1	2
2	1010	A. I see the reference.	2	
3	1810	Q. Were you aware of the impact on	3	
4		the	4	1 1
5		A. I was aware of the need for the	5	11 1
6		industry was looking for direction, and this is	6	2
7		from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural	7	
8		Affairs.	8	
9	1811	Q. Okay.	9	-
10		MR. MATTHEWS: That will be Exhibit 37,	10	
11		which was Mr. Bardeesy's Exhibit 25.	11	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
12		EXHIBIT NO. 37: CRE0359818,	12	
13		CRE0359819, and CRE0359820.	13	3 sites, which one of the directions coming from the
14		BY MR. LISUS:	14	3 1 1 1
15	1812	Q. Now, sir, were you aware in 2013	15	business case development they had to support that,
16		that a legislative committee directed the Auditor	16	6 I can't I can't comment on. I wouldn't know.
17		General to investigate the OLG's modernization plan	17	7 1820 Q. This is what Mr. Phillips
18		and the manner in which the decision to cancel SARP	18	8 testified:
19		was made?	19	9 Q. "So as of this date, no
20		A. The Auditor General has a lot of	20	0 business case had been prepared for
21		legislative tools. Could decide to do a review on	21	a casino in Toronto or Ottawa;
22		the office's own accord or get direction from the	22	2 right?
23		legislature or legislative committee.	23	A. No business case had been
24	1813	Q. Okay. Were you aware that in this	24	4 developed for each of the
25		case	25	5 opportunities. There were there
		Page 503		Page 505
1		A. I can't recall exactly the origins	1	
2		of it, but it wouldn't surprise me if the	2	2 Specifically what was referred to
3		legislative committee did ask for that.	3	3 here was if we wanted to generate
4	1814	Q. And the Auditor General released	4	4 revenue quickly, then one option
5		its report in 2018. Did you read it when it came	5	5 and presuming the municipality
6		out?	6	
7		A. I can't say I did. I don't	7	
8				
O		recall. I might have gotten a précis of it.	8	
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1		things.	1		A. Not at this time. There's
2		Q. Very important issues?	2		discussions, I think, at Woodbine.
3		A. Very significant issues, yes.	3	1829	Q. And the Auditor General found that
4		Q. And issues that if they weren't	4		the cancellation of the Slots at Racetrack Program
5		resolved, there wasn't going to be a	5		can hardly be considered to have been open and
6		casino certainly in Toronto; right?	6		transparent; right? Do you know that, the Auditor
7		A. In any community."	7		General found that?
8		So Mr. Phillips testified there wasn't any business	8		MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, Counsel, the
9		case or municipal approval or studies done for	9		Auditor General's report says that. I'm not
10		locating casinos in Toronto or other cities; right?	10		sure I mean, it's approaching 4:30. You thought
11		A. You're talking about the level of	11		you might be done by 4:30. I'm not sure how asking
12		business case analysis. They did come out with a	12		Mr. Orsini really assists your case.
13		proposal to recite their land-based casinos.	13		MR. LISUS: I just want to make sure
14	1821	Q. Okay. Were you aware that the	14		Mr. Orsini understands what the Auditor General
15		modernization plan's financial projections were	15		found. That's all.
16		overly optimistic as found by the Auditor General?	16		MR. RATCLIFFE: You brought it to his
17		A. I think at the time they were	17		attention.
18		coming in, but the proposals that OLG was	18		BY MR. LISUS:
19		submitting as they could deliver them with	19	1830	Q. I want to ask you to look at page
20		there's always risk that there's a risk that	20		45 of the Auditor General's report, the little
21		these things don't come to fruition as fast as you	21		black tab on the upper right-hand corner.
22		want especially if you require municipal agreement.	22		A. Okay. So page 45.
23	1822	Q. Right. And they did require	23	1831	Q. Yeah. Sorry, page 46.
24		municipal agreement; correct?	24	1001	"Did the province or OLG
25		A. Right.	25		properly consult or consult various
		ii. Augue.			property compare of compare various
1	1823	Page 507	1		Page 509
1	1023	Q. And the process for getting	1		industries, businesses, and
2		municipal agreement hadn't even been started;	2		municipalities impacted by the
3		right?	3		cancellation of the Slots at
4		A. Some of the municipalities had	4		Racetrack Program? No."
5		started the process of engaging staff-level	5		Do you see that?
6	1004	reports.	6	1000	A. I see that reference.
7	1824	Q. They were talking about it?	7	1832	Q. If you look at page 47:
8		A. That's right. They started the	8		"Have certain communities been
9		process of looking at cited casinos in some of the	9		impacted disproportionately as
10		municipalities, especially the bigger ones.	10		compared to other communities?"
11	1825	Q. How long was the process that had	11		The Auditor General found:
12		been started at the staff level? How long was it	12		"Yes. This is especially true
13		going to take?	13		of communities where horse people
14		A. That I don't recall offhand.	14		involved in standardbred and quarter
15	1826	Q. And there wasn't	15		horse racing live and work."
16		A. Certainly there was a lot of	16		Do you see that?
17		complexity and details that had to be worked	17		A. I see that.
18		through.	18	1833	Q. And she says:
19	1827	Q. Sure. Until those complexity and	19		"Breeders' activities had
20		details had to be worked through, this revenue	20		dropped by about 60 percent."
21		stream from locating slot machines in cities wasn't	21		And it says:
22		going to happen; right?	22		"The Ministry of Finance and
23		A. There was a multiyear forecast.	23		the Ministry of Agriculture and Food
24	1828	Q. Was there ever a casino in Toronto	24		have not prepared an analysis on the
25		or Ottawa?	25		actual job losses in the industry
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		since the cancellation of the Slots	1		recommendations, and the Auditor General comes back
2		at Racetrack Program."	2		later on two years to find out how ministries have
3		Do you see that?	3		responded.
4		A. So you showed me a number of	4		BY MR. LISUS:
5		documents that provided some estimates.	5	1839	Q. And the ministry did go through a
6	1834	Q. And the documents I showed you	6		thorough analysis. Before I take you to the
7		that provided estimates were of estimates direct	7		ministry's analysis and response, I want to have
8		employment losses at racetracks in the 5,000 odd	8		you look at one more thing on page 57, second
9		numbers potentially; correct?	9		last well, the bottom paragraph on the left-hand
10		A. It gave the I thought it gave	10		side, "racetrack owners." Do you see that?
11		the net impact overall.	11		A. Yes.
12	1835	Q. Okay. Do you see the Auditor	12	1840	Q. "Racetrack owners, except for the
13		General saying that the Ministry of Finance and the	13		three that lost their slots at
14		Ministry of Agriculture and Food have not prepared	14		racetracks, have been less affected
15		an analysis on the actual job losses in the	15		by the ending of the Slots at
16		industry since the cancellation of the Slots at	16		Racetracks Program. They have
17		Racetrack Program?	17		recouped 65 percent of their former
18		A. Are they referring to the	18		revenues from OLG through the newly
19		announcement? So I'm not exactly know what	19		negotiated rent for the space
20		she's referring to. What analysis?	20		occupied by the Slots at
21	1836	Q. You see where she says:	21		Racetracks. OLG has also reached
22	2000	"In the year ending March 31,	22		settlements with four racetracks in
23		2014, following the cancellation of	23		March 2013 totalling 80.6 million."
24		the programs, horse people's overall	24		Do you see that?
25		key revenues decreased by 53	25		A. I see that.
1		Page 511 percent."	1	1841	Page 513 O. "These settlements arose from the
2		Do you see that?	2	-01-	capital investments the four
3		A. Where's that? Is that on top of	3		racetracks undertook under OLG
4		48?	4		direction and their siteholder
5	1837	Q. No, 47.	5		agreements to expand their Slots at
6	1037	MR. RATCLIFFE: Well, again, Mr. Lisus,	6		Racetracks."
7		it says this in the report. You've got the report.	7		Right?
8		BY MR. LISUS:	8		A. I do recall some capital
9	1838	Q. Were you aware of this in 2014?	9		improvements being covered.
10	1030	MR. ROSENBERG: What's the relevance of	10	1842	Q. You understand as well that
11		his awareness of this?	11	1012	breeders also made investments and capital
12		MR. LISUS: Good faith, failure to	12		improvements in their farms and breeding
. 44		compensate, decision to compensate racetrack owners	13		operations; right?
		who still maintained the slot machines while	14		A. The agreement was with the
13			. 41		41. TIL MATECINETIC MOD MILLI CHE
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2		was on top of the termination payments paid under	2		we will be going to TB "
3		the contracts.	3		That's Treasury Board; right?
4		Is your understanding that the	4		A. I presume that's Treasury Board.
5		80.6 million is the contractual payments pursuant	5	1853	Q. " to seek supplemental funding
6		to the termination provision?	6		for the horse racing PFP."
7		MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Lisus, sadly I'm	7		Do you know what that is?
8		not here to give evidence today. You can ask that	8		A. I'm not sure what the acronym is.
9		of witnesses	9	1854	Q. Proposed funding plan, I
9 10			10	1034	understand.
		MR. LISUS: Then I suggest you be quiet			
11		while I ask the witness questions if you don't want	11		" and additional 20 million
12		to give evidence.	12		over five years to support
13		MR. ROSENBERG: Well, I suggest that	13		continuation of horse racing in
14		you be fair to the witness.	14		Fort Erie, Ajax, and Rideau
15		BY MR. LISUS:	15		Carleton, a provincial thoroughbred,
16	1844	Q. Now, you said the Auditor	16		quarter horse and standardbred
L7		General's report would have been reviewed	17		breeding program. The matter is
18		extensively by the ministry; right?	18		expected to be deferred for decision
19		A. Yes, as all her reports are.	19		at Cabinet on Wednesday."
20	1845	Q. And her staff would have prepared	20		Do you see that?
21		for her key messaging around the Auditor General's	21		A. I see that.
22		report?	22	1855	Q. And then the author refers to:
23		A. I don't know how she conducts her	23		"The Auditor General has
24		internal work.	24		circulated drafts of her report
25	1846	Q. Let me show you this Exhibit 35 on	25		which suggests that the report could
		Page 515			Page 51
1		the examination.	1		be released shortly later this week
2		A. Do you want her report back?	2		or next."
3	1847	Q. Sure. Unless you want to keep it.	3		And he provides suggested messaging; right? And
4		A. No. I'm sure I know how to get a	4		the suggested messaging for the Premier and the
5		copy.	5		minister, first point is:
6	1848	Q. I'll put on the screen for you	6		"I've always argued the
7		Exhibit 35 to Mr. Bardeesy. This is to the Premier	7		decision to cancel the Slots at
8		and the Minister of Agriculture, who in March 2014	8		Racetrack Program was not done
9		is the same person, Kathleen Wynne; right?	9		properly, which the Auditor General
10		A. She's the Minister of Agriculture	10		confirms."
11		and Food.	11		
	1040				Do you see that?
L2	1849	Q. And the Premier?	12	1056	A. I see that reference.
L3		A. And the Premier. This is	13	1856	Q. And so were you aware in March
14		addressed to her, I presume, as a Minister of	14		2014 that the Premier and Minister of Agriculture's
15		Agriculture.	15		view was that the cancellation of the Slots at
16	1850	Q. It actually says to	16		Racetrack Program was not done properly?
		Premier/Minister.	17		A. I don't know who prepared these
L7		A. You're showing me yes, I see	18		notes.
L7		ii. Tou ie bliowing me 1657 i bee		1857	Q. Were you aware, sir, in March 201
L7 L8		that.	19	1037	g. Here for aware, bir, in rates for
17 18 19	1851		19 20	1037	that that was the Premier's view?
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2		Racetrack Program was not done	2		final draft minister's briefing deck. And you are
3		properly, which the Auditor General	3		copied on this email, April 24, 2014.
4		confirms."	4		This came to your attention on
5		Do you see that?	5		April 24, 2014, this deck; right?
6		A. I do see that reference.	6		A. It would be a summary of the
7	1859		7		Auditor General's report.
8	1033		8	1869	
9		given that Ms. Wynne was a senior Cabinet minister in 2012, then the Premier in '13 and '14, and she	9	1009	
10			10	1870	January January
11		appointed you to be the secretary of the Cabinet; correct?	11	10/0	Q. Well, here for your MR. RATCLIFFE: Do you need a moment to
12		A. Correct.	12		look through it and see what it is?
13	1060		13		THE WITNESS: I don't recall. With the
14	1860	~	14		
15		other? A. The Premier and			small font, it will take me a bit of time to go
16	1861		15		through it.
17	1001	***	16	1871	BY MR. LISUS:
18	1862	A. Yes. O. So were you aware in 2014 that	17	10/1	Q. I'll read it out to you. On the
19	1002	~ 1	18		second slide of the deck, under the heading "Context," it talks about:
		A. At this time, I was Deputy	19		
20 21	1863	Minister of Finance.	20		"The legislature Standing
22	1003	Q. But you knew Ms. Wynne; right?	21		Committee on Public Accounts passing
		A. I got to know her after my	22		a seven-part motion requesting the
23		appointment. I knew of her as a Deputy Minister of	23		Auditor General commence an
24		Finance. She would have seen me present before	24		immediate review of the Ontario
25		Cabinet.	25		Lottery and Gaming Corporation
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1	1864	Q. So my simple question is whether	1		modernization plan, including the
2		you were aware in let me finish the question	2		government's decision to end the
3		in 2012, '13, and '14 that Ms. Wynne had always	3		Slots at Racetrack Program."
4		argued that the decision to cancel the Slots at	4		Right?
5		Racetrack Program was not done properly.	5		A. This is what you referenced
6		A. As I said, I had the general	6	1000	earlier.
7	1065	impression she was concerned about the process.	7	1872	Q. Yes.
8	1865	Q. Did you have that impression in	8	1000	A. Yes.
9		2012, '13, and '14?	9	1873	Q. And the Auditor General's four key
10		A. I can't remember when I got that	10		take-aways were:
		the state of the s			"1 0]]''' 07 0
11	1000	impression.	11		"1. Overly ambitious OLG
12	1866	Q. Okay. Thank you. I want to ask	12		modernization plan, revenue
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1		consultation with municipalities and horse racing	1		relevant portions of the 2012 Ontario budget and
2		stakeholders; right?	2		its addendum. I'm providing you a copy. I'm
3		A. I see that.	3		providing a copy to counsel opposite.
4	1874	Q. The provincial audit team	4		Sir, I think you told us that your
5		A. Where are you now?	5		office was involved in the preparation of the 2012
6	1875	Q. I'm still on the context.	6		Ontario budget?
7		A. Okay.	7		A. That's correct.
8	1876	Q. The provincial audit team	8	1881	Q. You're familiar with this
9		conducted its review from late April 2013 to	9		document?
10		February 2014; right?	10		A. Various portions of it, yes.
11		A. I see that.	11	1882	Q. And what I have put before you is,
12	1877	Q. And it concluded that there was	12		in fact, what I've described, an excerpt from the
13		inadequate consultation with municipalities and	13		2012 Ontario budget and its addendum?
14		horse racing stakeholders; right?	14		A. Correct.
15		A. I see that reference.	15	1883	Q. Sir, if I could ask you to flip to
16	1878	Q. And if you go over to the fifth	16		the page marked 203, please.
17		deck where it says	17		A. Got it.
18		A. Slide 5.	18	1884	Q. And you'll see at the top under
19	1879	Q. "Did the province or OLG properly	19		the heading "Support from Gaming," there's mention
20		consult or consult various	20		that:
21		industries, businesses, and	21		"The Ontario Lottery and Gaming
22		municipalities impacted by the	22		Corporation Act, 1999 requires that
23		cancellation of the Slots at	23		net provincial revenue generated
24		Racetrack Program? The Auditor	24		from lotteries, Ontario Lottery and
25		General concludes no. Stakeholders	25		Gaming Corporation operated casinos,
		D 500			
1		Page 523 emphasize the importance of SARP	1		Page 525 slot facilities, and commercial
2		for the success of the industry.	2		casinos support services such as the
3		Cancelling this program was never	3		operation of hospitals,
4		discussed."	4		municipalities, amateur sports,
5		Right?	5		Ontario First Nations, problem
6		A. I see that reference.	6		gambling and related programs, and
7		MR. LISUS: Those are my questions for	7		funding for charitable and
8		now.	8		not-for-profit organizations."
9		MR. MATTHEWS: This is CRE93343 and its	9		Do you see that?
10		attachment.	10		A. I do see that.
11		MR. MILAT: Exhibit 38.	11	1885	Q. That's what you were telling my
12		EXHIBIT NO. 38: CRE0093343 and	12	_000	friend, Mr. Lisus, that the dividend from the
13		CRE0093344.	13		Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation is put to
14		Recess at 4:44 p.m	14		Ontario's programs?
15		Upon resuming at 4:52 p.m	15		A. That's correct.
16		CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ROSENBERG:	16	1886	Q. I wanted to ask you a few
17	1880	Q. Good afternoon, sir. My name is	17	1000	questions about that. It looks from this
18	_000	Michael Rosenberg. I'm counsel for the Ontario	18		document I see this at the bottom of the page
19		Lottery and Gaming Corporation in this matter. I	19		about a billion and a half dollars in 2012 to '13
20		recognize that the hour is late, it being almost	20		of OLG's revenues was used to support the operation
21		5 o'clock now on day two of your examination, so	21		of hospitals?
		I'll try to make my component of this brief.	22		A. Yes. In the 2012 budget, reported
		And why don't we start, then, with a	23		that number.
22		and why don t WE Statt, then, will a	ر کا		ciac imiloti.
22 23			24	1897	O So as I understand it the monor
22		discussion of SARP funds. And to anchor this discussion, what I've done is I've excerpted the	24 25	1887	Q. So as I understand it, the money flows from OLG after it pays its expenses to the

1		Page 526 consolidated revenue fund?	1		Page 528 assessment.
2		A. That's correct.	2	1897	Q. And in carrying out that policy,
3	1888	Q. And the government distributes	3	1031	OLG does things that have an economic development
4	1000	~ 5	4		
5		money from the consolidated revenue fund to pay for its spending?	5		component? A. That's correct.
6		A. Yes, that's correct.	6	1898	
7	1889	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	7	1090	
8	1009	Q. In that sense, the dividend from OLG, as you called it, is another form of	8		this matter. She was involved as an OLG employee
9		qovernment revenue?	9		in OLG's modernization initiative, and she gave the example of OLG having two head offices, one in
10		3			Sault Ste. Marie and one in Toronto as an example
		A. It's an important source of	10		-
11	1890	revenue.			of a policy-based decision as opposed to one that
12	1090	Q. In fact, it's the largest form of	12		is strictly driven by maximizing profit.
13		nontax revenue for the province of Ontario; right?	13		A. That's right. It had a regional
14		A. Yes. I think it exceeds the LCBO,	14	1000	economic development component.
15	1001	which would be another large one.	15	1899	Q. Mr. Lisus took you to the mention
16	1891	Q. And from the perspective of	16		in the Cabinet submission that the Drummond report
17		consolidated revenue fund, whether the money is	17		recommended cutting that to one head office. Do
18		coming from OLG's dividend or taxation or the LCBO,	18		you remember him taking you to that?
19		it's all the same thing; right?	19		A. I remember him referencing the
20		A. Those funds go to support	20	1000	Drummond report in that regard.
21		taxpayer-supported programs: health care,	21	1900	Q. Now, ultimately you're aware as
22		education. So it's viewed as part of the	22		well that OLG didn't cut one of its head offices?
23	1000	consolidated revenue fund.	23	1001	A. That's correct.
24	1892	Q. It's all revenue for the province	24	1901	Q. It would have saved money if it
25		of Ontario?	25		had, but there's an underlying policy, as you said,
_		Page 527	_		Page 529
1		A. It's all revenue for the province	1		to regional economic development; right?
2		of Ontario.	2		A. Yes.
3	1893	Q. And it all goes to pay for Ontario	3	1902	Q. And the cost of having two head
4		spending?	4		offices is recorded as an expense of OLG; right?
5	1004	A. Yes.	5	1000	A. That's correct.
6	1894	Q. Public spending?	6	1903	Q. And in a sense, of course, it is,
7		A. And key areas of health care, in	7		but it's also an expense that OLG incurs to further
8		particular.	8		a policy goal; right?
9	1895	Q. Insofar as the money is coming	9		A. Correct.
10		from gamblers to OLG, this is the way that Ontario	10		MR. LISUS: How does he know that? How
11		has chosen to leverage its monopoly on legitimate	11		can he comment on that?
12		gambling in the province; right?	12		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
		A. It's one of many ways the province	13	1904	Q. You were at one point the I
13					heard you say associate deputy minister with
14		raises funds to support public services.	14		
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1		Page 530 I'd ask you to hold on to it, because I will come	1		Page 53: sectors of Ontario."
2		back to it.	2		So it's a similar answer to the one we saw for
3		MR. ROSENBERG: So that will be	3		question 7.
4		Exhibit 39, I think.	4		A. Yes, I see that.
5		EXHIBIT NO. 39: Document entitled	5	1913	O. The answer is not because
6		"Strong Action for Ontario."	6	1)13	\$350 million is the market rate to obtain space at
7		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	7		-
	1000				racetrack for our slots parlours; right?
8	1906	Q. So Mr. Lisus gave you Exhibit 8	8		MR. LISUS: Is that a question?
9		which includes	9		MR. ROSENBERG: Pardon me?
10		A. I don't know if I have that	10		MR. LISUS: Is that a question?
11		exhibit.	11		MR. ROSENBERG: Yes.
12	1907	Q. I'll provide you with the actual	12		MR. LISUS: That doesn't make any
13		exhibit. Mr. Lisus directed you to	13		sense.
14		A. I see it on the screen now. So	14		THE WITNESS: Repeat that again.
15		what page would you like me to go to?	15		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
16	1908	Q. I want to go to question 7 in the	16	1914	Q. The answer to this question how
17		questions that you have there.	17		can the government justify using \$350 million in
18		A. Okay. So it's on page 277.	18		revenue from Slots at Racetrack Program to prop up
19	1909	O. You see under the answer that's	19		the racing industry is not because that is the
20		been prepared:	20		market rate for us to obtain space for our slots
21		"The objective of the Slots at	21		machines at racetracks; right?
22		Racetrack Program is to promote live	22		A. Yeah, the actual amount to the
23		horse racing and breeding and to	23		statement the statement would apply a different
24		provide indirect support to the	24		amount. So you if you had it's talking about
25		broader agricultural and rural	25		the purpose of the funds, not the amount of the
23		broauer agriculturar and rurar	23		the purpose of the funds, not the amount of the
1		Page 531 sectors of Ontario."	1		Page 53: funds.
2			2	1915	
3	1010			1913	Q. Right. So the amount can vary,
	1910	Q. I think Mr. Lisus asked you to	3		and you still give it to the horse racing industry?
4		confirm that that was consistent with the way that	4		A. You still support the sector
5		the Ministry of Finance saw the Slots at Racetrack	5	1016	and
6		Program at the time?	6	1916	Q. And that's because the amount of
7		A. I think that's how the government	7		support going to the horse racing industry is
8		was communicating Slots at Racetrack Program.	8		disconnected from the market rate you'd have to pay
9	1911	Q. And that's an economic development	9		to obtain the benefit that OLG was attaining,
10		component to the program; right?	10		namely, a space to put its slot machines; right?
11		A. It references the broader	11		MR. LISUS: What does that mean,
12		agricultural and rural sectors, so one would	12		Mr. Rosenberg? The witness is frowning. I'm
13		attribute an economic component to that.	13		frowning. No one understands your question.
14	1912	Q. If you go to question 45 then, the	14		MR. ROSENBERG: I don't think the
15		question here is:	15		witness is frowning.
16		"How can the government justify	16		THE WITNESS: I'm trying to understand
17		using \$350 million in revenue from	17		the reference is to the purpose of the funds, not
18		Slots at Racetrack Program to prop	18		necessarily the amount of the funds. The answer
		up the racing industry?"	19		doesn't say why it's up to 350. It says the
		And the answer is:	20		objective is to support the sector.
19			21		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
19 20		"The objective of the Slots at Racetrack Program is to promote live		1017	
19 20 21			22	1917	Q. And so it doesn't really matter
19 20 21 22			00		- deat the mandant and f last or o
19 20 21 22 23		horse racing and breeding and	23		what the market value of what OLG receives in
19 20 21 22 23 24 25			23 24 25		what the market value of what OLG receives in exchange for those funds might be; right? A. Yeah, I can't comment on that

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1		aspect as to how this relates to the market price	1	a siteholder agreement that doesn't	
2	1010	of the Slots at Racetrack Program.	2	anticipate support of the industry.	
3	1918	Q. But certainly the answer that was	3	So after the cancellation of the	
4		prepared here by the Ministry of Finance was	4	Slots at Racetracks Program, the	
5		A. They didn't comment on it either	5	government negotiated rents with	
6		way.	6	racetracks that I don't I'm not	
7	1919	Q. Right. Let me take you to	7	privy to, but I assume were some	
8		Mr. Snobelen's evidence on that point because I	8	reduction to 20 percent of the net.	
9		asked him some questions about this dynamic. And	9	Q. Right.	
10		he said	10	A. The difference between those	
11		MR. MATTHEWS: Would you like me to	11	two numbers would be a payment that	
L2		pull it up on the screen, Mr. Rosenberg?	12	was going for the benefit, one would	
.3		MR. ROSENBERG: As you wish. It's page	13	assume, of an industry.	
.4		295, second volume of his transcript.	14	Q. Would be a subsidy?	
L5		MR. MATTHEWS: Page 295?	15	A. Yes.	
.6		MR. ROSENBERG: Yes.	16	Q. I see. And to the extent that	
.7		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	17	those rents were less than the	
.8	1920	Q. He says:	18	10 percent that was to be paid to	
9		"So I have no difficulty with	19	the siteholder, would it be fair to	
20		the word 'subsidy.'	20	say that the 10 percent that was	
21		Q. I don't either, but I	21	going to the horse people was	
2		understand the political	22	entirely a subsidy?	
13		connotations.	23	A. It was entirely designed to	
24		A. Yes.	24	enhance the I mean, there were	
25		Q. What exactly do you understand	25	expectations, I think, in general	
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1	-	ubsidy'?	1	around that benefit, might be	
2		think something that helps	2	received from that 10 percent, but	
3	to	I mean, in this case, a	3	it clearly subsidized the operation	
4		t that helps to sustain the	4	of horse racing.	
5		ry organization.	5	Q. Right. All right. Now, in	
6	Q. R	Right.	6	terms of	
7	A. I	t subsidizes the operations.	7	A. I'm sorry. I didn't for the	
8	Q. I	s it fair to say it's more	8	long pause. It was it was	
9	than a	n market rate for whatever	9	I think subsidy in that in this	
.0	you're	e getting?	10	context of this particular ad would	
.1	A. 1	hat now, in 2017, has been	11	be a sort of windfall, and I don't	
.2	well e	established. In terms of the	12	think there was an intention in that	
.3	depth	of whatever that subsidy may	13	regard.	
.4	or may	not have been, that would	14	Q. You don't think there was an	
.5	have b	peen we would have been	15	intention to give a windfall?	
.6	specul	ative about that in 2012, but	16	A. In the sense of there was a	
.7	the in	ntention was to support the	17	belief that at some level, this	
.8	indust		18	would be that supporting the	
9		o I just want to make sure I	19	horse racing industry was a good	
20		stand that. When you say the	20	thing to do."	
21		of the subsidy has been	21	So that was Mr. Snobelen's evidence. You'll see	
		ished in 2017, what do you	22	that he was discussing the same dynamic that OLG	
	mean b		23	was paying more than a market rate for the benefit	ī.s
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22 23		-		that it was getting from SARP	
22	А. Т	ny tnat? The difference between a Troial rate agreement on a on	24 25	that it was getting from SARP. MR. LISUS: Is there a question here,	

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1		Mr. Rosenberg? You're reading lengthy transcript	1		MR. ROSENBERG: It's 873, Mr. Matthews.
2		passages and making speeches about the dynamic, et	2		Thank you.
3		cetera. The object here is to put questions to the	3		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
4		witness.	4	1927	Q. So this is an email from
5		MR. ROSENBERG: I learn from the	5		Brad Partington at the Ministry of Finance to
6		master, and I am just taking a page from your book	6		Tanya Watkins at the Ministry of Finance. Did you
7		as you have read many pages to this witness, and	7		know who Brad Partington was?
8		I'm hoping to correlate him to the evidence that	8		A. His name doesn't ring a bell.
9		has been given.	9	1928	Q. If you look at subheading 2,
10		MR. LISUS: Are we getting to a	10		Mr. Partington says:
11		question at some point?	11		"The \$350 million for SART
12		MR. ROSENBERG: I was trying to until	12		represents about 25 percent of all
13		you interrupted me. Can I go ahead?	13		the direct business support."
14		MR. LISUS: If you feel it necessary	14		He then says in brackets:
15		and helpful.	15		"Obviously some of the
16		MR. ROSENBERG: I do. I think it will	16		\$350 million is rent, but most of it
17		be to the trier of fact.	17		would be direct business support."
18		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	18		Do you see that?
19	1921	Q. So before I was interrupted, sir,	19		A. I see that reference.
20	1721	I was saying that Mr. Snobelen spoke to this	20	1929	Q. And I'm trying to tie that back to
21		dynamic that OLG was paying more than a market rate	21	1727	the dynamic we were just discussing. If what OLG
22		for what it received from SARP; right?	22		is doing is paying more than a market rate for what
23			23		it's getting, the additional amount, at least in
		MR. LISUS: OLG is not paying anything.	24		Mr. Partington's view, appears to be direct
24		MR. ROSENBERG: Now, Mr. Lisus, I			
25		understand that's your evidence.	25		business support.
1		Page 539 BY MR. ROSENBERG:	1		Page 541 MR. LISUS: Do you know what
2	1922	Q. But, sir, you understood that	2		Mr. Partington's view was? Is there any evidence
3	1722	under the siteholder agreements, OLG paid a	3		of Mr. Partington's view or that this witness has
4		commission to racetracks; right?	4		any knowledge of Mr. Partington's view?
5		A. I understand that part of the	5		MR. ROSENBERG: I'm not asking those
6		discussion I had with him.	6		questions, Mr. Lisus. If you'd let me ask my
7	1923	Q. That is the agreement the	7		questions you've had a chance to examine this
8	1723	siteholder agreement was what entitled OLG to put	8		witness. I'm using your exhibit, and I'd like to
9		its slot machines in racetracks; right?	9		understand the witness's evidence.
10		A. That's my understanding.	10		MR. LISUS: Well, you said that if what
11	1924	Q. And what I'm getting at here is	11		OLG is doing is paying more than a market rate for
12		that insofar as OLG was paying more than a market	12		what it's getting, the additional amount, at least
13		rate under those siteholder agreements for the	13		in Mr. Partington's view, appears to be direct
14		benefit that it was receiving, that additional	14		business support.
15		amount was for an economic development purpose;	15		I'm trying to understand the foundation
16		right?	16		for this witness answering questions about
17		A. One could make that argument.	17		Mr. Partington's view on direct business support.
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	1925	Q. And, in fact, that's how the	18		MR. ROSENBERG: Now, Mr. Lisus, if what
19		program was described in the question and answer	19		really bothers you is any reference to
		that we just saw?	20		Mr. Partington's view, I'll simply ask the question
		A. From Mr. Snobelen.	21		without it.
21	100-	Q. If we look at Exhibit 17 that	22		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
21 22	1926	_	l		
21 22 23	1926	Mr. Lisus put to you.	23	1930	Q. This concept of direct business
20 21 22 23 24 25	1926	_	23 24 25	1930	Q. This concept of direct business support, that refers to the difference between the market rate for what OLG gets under its siteholder

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1		agreements and what it pays under its siteholder	1	General's report?
2		agreements?	2	A. I do remember that.
3		MR. LISUS: Is there some evidence what	3	1934 Q. And at page 57 of the Auditor
4		the market rate was, Mr. Rosenberg?	4	General's report, there's reference to the
5		MR. ROSENBERG: I'm certainly coming to	5	racetracks recouping some but not all of their
6		that, Mr. Lisus.	6	losses from the cancellation of SARP through rental
7		MR. LISUS: Well, I think you should	7	agreements with OLG?
8		put that to the witness now if you're asking him	8	A. I see a reference to it.
9		questions about what the market rate was and	9	1935 Q. You'll agree with me, sir, that
10		suggesting that the commission structure wasn't	10	the rental agreements require OLG to pay less than
11		congruent with the market rate.	11	it paid
12		MR. ROSENBERG: Well, certainly.	12	MR. LISUS: Mr. Rosenberg, I'd like
13		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	13	production of those rental agreements.
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14	1931	Q. You'll recall, sir, as part of its	14	MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Lisus, I'm not here
15		modernization initiative, OLG after the termination	15	to give undertakings.
16		of SARP entered into rental agreements with a	16	BY MR. ROSENBERG:
17		number of racetracks	17	1936 Q. And you'll agree with me, sir,
18		A. I do recall that.	18	that
19	1932	Q for its slot machines.	19	MR. LISUS: Do you know what they
20		And Mr. Lisus likes to describe this as	20	require in terms of payment, Mr. Orsini?
21		SARP concluded, but the slot machines stayed in the	21	THE WITNESS: I have not seen those
22		racetrack; right? OLG continued to receive a space	22	agreements.
23		for its slot machines; right?	23	MR. LISUS: Do you have any
24		A. And they entered into a legal	24	information
25		lease agreement for that space.	25	THE WITNESS: I understand that they
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1		MR. LISUS: Have those been produced?	1	entered into agreements to pay for rental space.
2		MR. ROSENBERG: I don't know the answer	2	MR. LISUS: Do you know what the terms
3		to that question.	3	are?
4		MR. LISUS: Well, my understanding is	4	THE WITNESS: I do not know what the
5		they haven't, and production has been refused. So	5	terms are.
6		if you're going to question this witness about	6	MR. LISUS: Do you know whether they're
7		these agreements and market rents, you're going to	7	above, below, or at market rate?
8		be prepared to produce them, Mr. Rosenberg.	8	THE WITNESS: I understood that they
9		MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Lisus, I have your	9	were fair rates when they were negotiating them.
10		position. I'm not here to give undertakings or	10	MR. LISUS: Do you understand whether
11		under advisements.	11	they were at, below, or above market rate?
12		MR. LISUS: I'm not doing that. I'm	12	THE WITNESS: I have no sense of what
13		just cautioning you before you continue that if	13	the market rate
14		you're going to pursue this line of	14	MR. LISUS: Do you understand whether
15		cross-examination, you're going to waive whatever	15	or not the market rate was excuse me, the rental
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16 17		privilege you've claimed over those agreements, and I'm going to be asking for production of them,	17	rate was affected at all by the settlement payments?
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		particularly if you're asserting that they reflect	18	THE WITNESS: That I would not know.
18		a market rate that is material to your position on	19	MR. LISUS: Well, I'd like production
19			20	of them, Mr. Rosenberg.
19 20		these payments.		
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_		Page 546 pursue this line of questioning about market rates	1		Page 548 that was produced by the Crown. You don't
2		and rent, then you're going to have to produce the	2		A. I don't recall.
3		agreements, sir.	3		MR. LISUS: Are we aware of any
4		THE WITNESS: My understanding at the	4		Ministry of Finance programs that aren't identified
5		time was OLG thought they were fair rates. How	5		here?
6		that relates to market rates, I don't know.	6		
7		,	7		MR. ROSENBERG: I'm not sure what you
	1027	BY MR. ROSENBERG:			mean by that.
8	1937	Q. You do understand that there were	8		MR. LISUS: Well, you asked were any
9		savings relative to what OLG was paying	9		Ministry of Finance programs included in Project
10		A. Well, the Auditor General points	10		76, and I'm asking you do we know if there were any
11		that out in their report. I don't have a basis	11		Ministry of Finance business support programs at
12		I don't have a basis to comment on the Auditor	12		all.
13		General's estimate.	13		THE WITNESS: We have a number of them
14	1938	Q. If it were the case that OLG was	14		through the tax system, so I don't know if they
15		saving money relative to SARP, that would help us	15		looked at the tax expenditures, for example.
16		to quantify the amount of the SARP payments, those	16		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
17		siteholder payments attributable to	17	1942	Q. Presumably there are other
18		MR. LISUS: It's a hypothetical,	18		business support programs through the Ministry of
19		speculative question, Mr. Rosenberg.	19		Finance, though?
20		MR. ROSENBERG: Well, Mr. Lisus, even	20		A. We have a variety of different
21		if you're going to object, you have to let me	21		programs, primarily through the tax system, I would
22		finish the question. You have to let me put it on	22		say.
23		the record. I know it's going to be hard to hold	23	1943	Q. I understand that taxation
24		yourself back. I know it's late in the day. I	24		programs were out of scope for Project 76, so that
25		know it runs contrary to your nature, but you've	25		may be part of
1		Page 547 got to do it. Can we try just this once? All	1		Page 549 A. The Pari-Mutuel tax, why it wasn't
2		got to do it. tall we try just this office. All			
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.7		right.	2	10///	included.
3	1020	BY MR. ROSENBERG:	3	1944	included. $\mbox{Q. Right. But that would be another} \label{eq:Q.Right.}$
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3		government set for OLG's participation in this	3		A. 98? Okay, I have page 98, the
4		program; right?	4		2012 budget.
5		A. It was a fixed rate.	5	1956	Q. If you look at the last paragraph
6	1950	Q. And it had nothing to do with the	6		on page 98, you'll see:
7		market rate of the goods and services that OLG was	7		"As part of OLG's modernization
8		receiving, except that it was known that racetracks	8		process, the government reviewed
9		would accept this amount of money?	9		this support for the horse racing
10		MR. LISUS: How does he know that? He	10		industry as outlined in the previous
11		had no involvement in the program.	11		government's 1998 Letter of Intent.
12		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	12		In doing so, the government
13	1951	Q. You said earlier, sir, in fairness	13		determined that the industry needs
14	1751	to you, when I was asking about question 45 in	14		to move towards greater
15		Exhibit 8, the amount of money that went to fund	15		self-sufficiency without government
16		SARP was simply the 20 percent net win from the	16		support. This will allow the
17		slot machines; right?	17		industry to respond competitively to
18		A. That was the rate that was set.	18		market demands for its racing
	1050				5
19	1952	Q. And that amount of money was not	19		product."
20		determined by a market rate for rent for slot	20		Do you see that? A. I see that reference.
21		facilities at racetracks?	21	1057	
22		MR. LISUS: How does he know that,	22	1957	Q. This reflected a policy decision
23		Mr. Rosenberg? He has no involvement, and he told	23		of the government that the horse racing industry
24		us seven ways to Sunday he had no involvement in	24		needed to move towards greater self-sufficiency
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2	municipal agreements. See 1B below.	2		are specifically articulated in the Cabinet minute
3	This proposal also creates an	3		itself which directs OLG to terminate SARP
4	opportunity for Ministry of Finance	4		effective March 2013; right?
5	to address distortions in this	5		A. The Cabinet submission includes
6	market and to increase	6		those policy objectives. I can't recall if the
7	accountability for the use of public	7		minute includes them all, but certainly the Cabinet
8	funds in the horse racing industry.	8		submission discusses the objectives based on the
9	See Section 2.0.	9		best information we have at the time.
10	The termination of SARP must be	10	1964	Q. Why don't we take a look at the
11	initiated by using the termination	11		Cabinet minute to assist you.
12	provisions and siteholder agreements	12		A. Okay.
13	between the Ontario Lottery and	13	1965	Q. It's point 4.
14	Gaming Corporation and the	14		A. Okay. So I have it says
15	individual racetracks."	15		"Proposed Cabinet Minute" and referring to
16	It continues:	16	1966	Q. Page 80 at the bottom.
17	"As well, termination of the	17	1300	A. Yeah, 80, point 4.
18	SARP program will provide the	18	1967	Q. "Ministry of Finance to direct OLG
19	industry with an opportunity to	19	1507	to provide notice to terminate the
20	address long-term factors that	20		18 current siteholder agreements
20	5	21		
	threaten the sustainability of the			with racetrack operators,
22	industry such as continue to find a	22		siteholders, effectively ending the
23	customer base due to demographic	23		Slots at Racetrack Program by
24	pressures and imbalances in purses.	24		March 31st, 2013."
25	Specifically this approach will	25		A. I see that reference.
1	Page 555 allow the market to decide to a	1	1968	Page 557 O. And that is what Cabinet directed
2	greater extent where and how much	2	1900	OLG?
3	horse racing should exist in	3		
	Ontario.	4	1969	
4		_	1909	~ ' -
5	Given the level of funding to the	5		Ontario's 2012 budget didn't just cut SARP
6	industry will be eliminated,	6		spending; right?
7	consolidation of racetracks can be	7		A. It is a quite sweeping array of
8	expected as right side of the	8		expenditure management initiatives.
9	industry base. I.e., as expected,	9	1970	Q. I think you said it implemented
10	only six to nine races tracks will	10		cuts right across the board?
11	remain in the industry."	11		A. In fact, it was unprecedented to
12	Do you see that?	12		have published a separate addendum of, I think, 50
13	A. I do see that.	13		pages listing out all the different expenditure
14	1961 Q. And that was part of the document	14		constraint items.
15	that was before Cabinet when it was considering	15	1971	Q. You told Mr. Lisus this was
16	OLG's modernization initiative?	16		because Ontario was facing very tough fiscal times?
17	A. That's correct.	17		A. Absolutely. A rising deficit,
18	1962 Q. So it wasn't just a case of	18		credit rating agencies that either put the province
19	Cabinet directing OLG to increase its dividend to	19		in a negative outlook which could mean further
20	the province no matter how, was it?	20		downgrade or others have actually downgraded the
21	A. It was a balance between how much	21		province.
22	revenue the province could get from OLG	22	1972	Q. Your office and the Ministry of
23	modernization in light to other objectives of	23		Finance were at the centre of the struggle to find
24	having the industry transform to better meet	24		budget savings?
25	demand.	25		A. There was a sweep across the
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1		system looking for savings. As well, the	1		\$87 million.
2		Don Drummond report that also identified areas that	2	1982	Q. This is support
3		the government would need to consider.	3		A. That was going to low income
4	1973	Q. There were some things that	4		families with kids.
5		Ontario might have afforded in the past that it	5	1983	Q. Right. And Ontario wasn't going
6		could simply no longer afford?	6		to be able to spend as much money as it hoped and
7		A. There's a number of things that	7		planned on this program; right?
8		government had announced that they were pulling	8		A. That's correct.
9		back on, child support, electricity relief, a new	9	1984	Q. And that was just the reality of
10		hospital wing that they pulled back on because of	10		its fiscal situation?
11		the fiscal constraints.	11		A. That was one of the many tools at
12	1974	Q. That was just the reality of	12		the government's disposal to hit its fiscal
13		Ontario's current situation. These things became	13		targets.
14		must-do items; right?	14	1985	Q. Page 38, Ontario had to cut
15		A. It's really the aftermath of the	15		\$210 million out of funding for long-term care
16		2008-09 recession that had a significant impact on	16		homes; right? Do you see that?
17		the fiscal position of the province. We were one	17		A. Yes.
18		of the more harder-hit jurisdictions in North	18	1986	Q. This was money for people who are
19		America, sizable and negative impact on our	19		no longer able to live in their own homes and
20		revenues, and the government had been trying to	20		require around-the-clock personal support and
21		respond and adjust.	21		supervision; right?
22	1975	Q. If you look at the excerpts from	22		A. That is correct.
23		the addendum you just mentioned in Exhibit 39, if	23	1987	Q. Again, that was the reality of the
24		you look at page 27 of the addendum, for example.	24		fiscal situation?
25		A. Correct.	25		A. As one of the many decisions that
1	1976	Page 559 Q. The Ministry of Children and Youth	1		Page 561 had to be made.
2		Services had to cut child protection costs by	2	1988	Q. Go back to page 15, Ontario cut
3		\$48.4 million; right?	3	2,00	funding for bussing kids to school by
4		A. Sorry, you're in 27?	4		\$34.3 million.
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	of questions about the ORC's race dates initiative,	2	2000	Q. And the tension in the sector
	the Ontario Racing Program. Do you remember that?	3		resulted in moratorium on race dates. I'm showing
	A. I do recall.	4		you Policy Directive Number 6, 2009, from the
1993	Q. He asked you, in particular, where	5		Ontario Racing Commission. This is SB5277 dated
	was the note of caution in the ORC's public	6		October 8, 2009.
	pronouncements. Do you remember that? Where was	7		You remember discussing a moratorium on
		8		race date reductions with Mr. Lisus?
	_	9		A. I do recall a general discussion
1994				on the moratorium.
1771	-		2001	Q. And you see in the preamble to
			2001	this policy that the industry had been faced with
				increasing applications for reductions of race
1005				dates over the last number of years resulting in
1995	·-			
				race date reduction since 2006. Do you see that?
			0000	A. I see the reference.
			2002	Q. And that's consistent with your
	·			recollection of one of the challenges facing the
	Mr. Rosenberg?	19		industry?
	MR. ROSENBERG: Yes.	20		A. That's consistent to the briefing
	BY MR. ROSENBERG:	21		I got.
1996	Q. Sir, it appears that you are being	22		MR. ROSENBERG: Why don't we mark this
	given an overview of the state of the horse racing	23		SB5277 which is Exhibit 41 to Mr. Seiling's
	industry at the end of August 2010. And it says:	24		examination. Let's make that the next exhibit for
	"Despite best efforts of	25		identification to Mr. Orsini's examination, please.
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	government and the ORC to revitalize	1		MR. RATCLIFFE: For identification?
	and stabilize Ontario's standardbred	2		What number?
	horse racing, it continues to face	3		MR. MILAT: N.
	ongoing challenges that include	4		MR. RATCLIFFE: So it's Exhibit Number
	declining wagering, lack of a	5		N?
	competitive live standardbred horse	6		MR. MILAT: Yes.
	racing product, failure to attract a	7		EXHIBIT NO. N for Identification:
	new consumer base, lack of defined	8		SB0005277.
		9		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
			2003	Q. Now, if you look at Exhibit 1 to
	-		2005	your examination
1997				A. I don't recall that.
±221	~		2004	Q. We'll get that on the screen for
	-	-	200 1	
				you. It's page 125. If we could just scroll down
				the page. You'll see that Mr. Seiling, chair of
				the ORC, is giving notice to the industry of:
1000				"The deep concern I have as
1998	-			board chair is the industry up to
	_			the challenge? Will we see more of
	horse people wanting more race dates. Do you	20		the 'same old, same old' that has
	remember that?	21		produced the current impasse and
	A. I do recall that discussion.	22		created distrust within many parts
1999	Q. It's not good for business when	23		of the industry? Or will we see a
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1000	the purveyor of your product wants to push less of	24		productive, rewarding partnership
	1994	the Ontario Racing Program. Do you remember that? A. I do recall. Q. He asked you, in particular, where was the note of caution in the ORC's public pronouncements. Do you remember that? Where was the warning to breeders? A. I do recall that discussion. Q. Now, that wasn't really a fair question because you weren't personally monitoring the ORC's communications; right? A. It certainly wouldn't be me. Q. If we look at Exhibit 6, this was the briefing package that was apparently prepared for you. I'm looking at the third page of the slide deck, which is page 227, please. MR. MATTHEWS: Is this the slide, Mr. ROSENBERG: Yes. BY MR. ROSENBERG: Yes. BY MR. ROSENBERG: 1996 Q. Sir, it appears that you are being given an overview of the state of the horse racing industry at the end of August 2010. And it says: "Despite best efforts of Page 563 government and the ORC to revitalize and stabilize Ontario's standardbred horse racing, it continues to face ongoing challenges that include declining wagering, lack of a competitive live standardbred horse racing product, failure to attract a new consumer base, lack of defined industry leadership." Do you see that? A. I do see that on the slide. Q. You would have understood that at least the Ministry of Finance's view at the time was that the standardbred horse racing industry faced considerable challenges? A. That would have been my general impression. 1998 Q. You told Mr. Lisus that you also remembered racetracks wanting fewer race dates and horse people wanting more race dates. Do you remember that?	the Ontario Racing Program. Do you remember that? A. I do recall. Q. He asked you, in particular, where was the note of caution in the ORC's public pronouncements. Do you remember that? Where was the warning to breeders? A. I do recall that discussion. 9 1994 Q. Now, that wasn't really a fair question because you weren't personally monitoring the ORC's communications; right? A. It certainly wouldn't be me. 1995 Q. If we look at Exhibit 6, this was the briefing package that was apparently prepared for you. I'm looking at the third page of the slide deck, which is page 227, please. MR. MATTHEWS: Is this the slide, Mr. ROSENBERG: Yes. BY MR. ROSENBERG: 1996 Q. Sir, it appears that you are being given an overview of the state of the horse racing industry at the end of August 2010. And it says: "Despite best efforts of Page 563 government and the ORC to revitalize and stabilize Ontario's standardbred horse racing, it continues to face ongoing challenges that include declining wagering, lack of a competitive live standardbred horse racing product, failure to attract a new consumer base, lack of defined industry leadership." Do you see that? A. I do see that on the slide. 1997 Q. You would have understood that at least the Ministry of Finance's view at the time was that the standardbred horse racing industry faced considerable challenges? A. That would have been my general impression. 1998 Q. You told Mr. Lisus that you also remembered racetracks wanting fewer race dates and horse people wanting more race dates. Do you remember that?	the Ontario Racing Program. Do you remember that? A. I do recall. Q. He asked you, in particular, where was the note of caution in the ORC's public pronouncements. Do you remember that? Where was the warning to breeders? A. I do recall that discussion. Q. Now, that wasn't really a fair question because you weren't personally monitoring the ORC's communications; right? A. It certainly wouldn't be me. Q. If we look at Exhibit 6, this was the briefing package that was apparently prepared for you. I'm looking at the third page of the slide deck, which is page 227, please. MR. NATTHEWS: Is this the slide, Mr. Rosenberg? MR. ROSENBERG: Yes. BY MR. ROSENBERG: Yes. BY MR. ROSENBERG: Q. Sir, it appears that you are being given an overview of the state of the horse racing industry at the end of August 2010. And it says: "Despite best efforts of Page 563 government and the ORC to revitalize and stabilize Ontario's standardbred horse racing, it continues to face ongoing challenges that include declining wagering, lack of a competitive live standardbred horse racing product, failure to attract a new consumer base, lack of defined industry leadership." Do you see that? A. I do see that on the slide. Q. You would have understood that at least the Ministry of Finance's view at the time was that the standardbred horse racing industry faced considerable challenges? A. That would have been my general infusers in the standardbred horse racing industry faced considerable challenges? A. That would have been my general impression. 1998 Q. You told Mr. Lisus that you also remembered racetracks wanting fewer race dates and horse people wanting more race dates. Do you remember that?

1		Page 566 Do you see that?	1		Page 568 MR. ROSENBERG: I did on this point.
2		A. I see the reference. But what was	2		MR. LISUS: Okay. So that's my point.
3		the date of that again?	3		Mr. Orsini is not a member of the ORC and made it
4	2005	Q. This is February 1st, 2010.	4		clear that he's not an expert in the industry. The
5		A. Okay.	5		ORC was the expert.
6	2006	Q. And you'll see that Mr. Seiling	6		MR. ROSENBERG: I don't think that's
7	2000	continues, and he's optimistic. He chooses to	7		his evidence, so I appreciate your evidence,
8		believe that the industry can come together. Do	8		Counsel.
		vou see that?	9		BY MR. ROSENBERG:
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10	0007	11, 2 000 0100 1020100 01020,	10	2011	Q. Mr. Orsini, you see that reference
11	2007	Q. But certainly in view of the	11		to the challenges surrounding the buy-in of the
12		challenges that we've just reviewed, it's fair to	12		racetracks?
13		say that as much as Mr. Seiling was optimistic,	13		A. I do see the challenges faced by
14		there was no surefire way to save this industry	14		the buy-in group.
15		even by tackling the problem of race dates; right?	15	2012	Q. The buy-in group you're referring
16		MR. LISUS: Do you know anything about	16		to is operators of racetracks; right? That's
17		what was required to save the industry or change	17		what's referenced here, operators?
18		the industry, Mr. Orsini?	18		A. Sorry, where?
19		THE WITNESS: I can't comment on that.	19	2013	Q. "Certain operators essentially
20		There was a Sadinsky report that talked about the	20		refused to pursue new ideas
21		challenges. The OLG modernization was to look at	21		where it might cost more money
22		getting better value for the money that was going	22		to operate."
23		into the system.	23		Right?
24		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	24		A. I see that sub-bullet point. Yes,
25	2008	Q. Well, if Mr. Lisus wants, I can	25		I do see that point there.
1		Page 567 provide you some of the documents that he showed	1	2014	Page 569
2		you on this point. So if we look at	2	2011	"Operators are challenged by
3		MR. LISUS: The point is,	3		issue of 'do I spend operational
4		Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Orsini made it quite clear that	4		money to improve revenue streams to
			5		
5		he got involved in this portfolio in December of	-		the purse account if that purse
6		2011, and he didn't know anything about the horse	6		account will not be available to my
7		racing industry.	7		track.' Lack of buy-in to the
8		THE WITNESS: I would say I had earlier	8		provincial benefits."
9		exposure, but I would not claim to be an expert.	9		Do you see that?
10		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	10		A. I do see that reference as well.
11	2009	Q. Well, why don't we take Exhibit F	11	2015	Q. And the way that you described the
12		to Mr. Orsini's examination, which is from March	12		principles that Mr. Lisus reviewed with you and
13		2011. This was an ORC presentation that was	13		these are found in Exhibit 1. Mr. Lisus directed
14		apparently being given. We can see the ORC's	14		you to page 126 to principle 2, in particular:
15		interpretation of some continued challenges at page	15		"Provide a fair return on
16		10.	16		investment over the short term while
17		MR. MATTHEWS: What's the page number	17		protecting value for owners and
18		in the right-hand corner?	18		communities over the long term."
19		MR. ROSENBERG: 686, please.	19		Do you see that?
20		BY MR. ROSENBERG:	20		A. I do see that reference.
21	2010	Q. It appears that the ORC was	21	2016	Q. I think you said these were the
22		concerned about challenges surrounding the buy-in	22		principles that the ORC was bringing to the
23		of racetracks.	23		exercise of trying to solve the race date problem;
24		MR. LISUS: Mr. Rosenberg, you had the	24		right?
2 1 25		ORC here, and you examined them extensively.	25		A. That's my understanding.
		one here, and you committed them excensively.	45		n. That is my understanding.

1	2017	Page 570 Q. But it was not your understanding	1		Page 572 A. The Ministry of Finance have many
2		ORC was promising anybody a fair return on	2		responsibilities, and that would be one of them.
3		investment?	3	2027	Q. And certainly it had to answer to
4		A. Because the investment returns are	4		a much broader set of stakeholders than the
5		determined by so many factors external internal	5		Ministry of Finance did?
6		to their operations, I would say that's a fair	6		A. Yes.
7		assessment.	7	2028	Q. And it had to balance many more
8	2010		8	2020	-
	2018	~ 1	-		competing demands for resources than did the ORC?
9		ORC got its money, am I right in thinking that the	9	0000	A. I'd say that's a fair statement.
10		ORC's funding was on year-by-year basis?	10	2029	Q. You spoke with Mr. Lisus about
11		A. It was funded from the industry	11		budget secrecy. Why was budget secrecy important?
12		based on fees.	12		A. It's a longstanding convention of
13	2019	Q. I see. So the ORC gets money from	13		the government. Depending on the type of
14		the Pari-Mutuel tax refund; is that right?	14		information that was disclosed, it had ministers
15		A. I can't recall exactly, but	15		under duress for information getting leaked for the
16		I think there's some type of revenue structure, fee	16		budget process. I think a lot of it is because of
17		structure that the ORC has with the various	17		the ability to explain isolated or individual
18		components of the sector.	18		measures without the broader context.
19	2020	Q. And it got money from SARP as	19		Cutting back funding in a world with
20		well; right?	20		surpluses is much different than cutting back
21		A. That I don't know offhand.	21		funding from a world of big deficits. People will
22	2021	Q. But you don't recall an item of	22		understand that there's belt tightening right
23		funding coming from the consolidated revenue fund	23		across the system.
24		to the ORC?	24		A lot of the time you want to present
25		A. I think it's one of those agencies	25		that information with that broader context so
23		A. I diffik it solle of diose agencies	23		that information with that broader context so
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1		that's self-funded from the sector. I don't recall	1		people understand why the government is doing what
2		seeing a line item to fund the ORC.	2		it's doing. Sorry, to better understand why the
3	2022	Q. And so it's dependent on certain	3		government is doing what it's doing. They may not
4		revenue sources to pay for its programs?	4		still agree, but they have a better sense of the
5		A. It's supported by the sector.	5		context.
6	2023	Q. Now, in terms of the ORC's	6	2030	Q. Was the 2012 budget particularly
7		priorities, Mr. Lisus showed you Exhibit 12 which	7		sensitive because it was an austerity budget?
8		was a Memorandum of Understanding between the ORC	8		A. It was a very tough budget. If
9		and the Ministry of Finance.	9		you look at past budgets, it was a very difficult
10		A. What page is that again?	10		budget.
11	2024	Q. I'm sorry. It's Exhibit 12 to	11	2031	Q. Did that make it particularly
12		Mr. Seiling's examination, Exhibit 14 to your	12		sensitive?
13		examination. I'm looking at Article 3.4, page 269.	13		A. It was because of a lot riding
14		And I'm looking at Article 3.4 on the fourth page.	14		on hitting and betting the cost curve-down and
15		A. Yes, I see it.	15		turning the tide on deficits, it was a particularly
16	2025		16		
	ZUZ3	Q. Mr. Lisus directed you to the		2022	difficult budget.
17		purpose of the ORC which was to support the sport	17	2032	Q. Was there anything unusual about
18		of horse racing and the sustainability of the	18		the way that the decision to cancel SARP proceeded
19		industry in the long term. Do you see that?	19		to a Cabinet committee?
20		A. I see that reference.	20		A. The process in which the ministry
21	2026	Q. That's a different objective or	21		is working up options, and there's direction coming
		perhaps a narrower objective than what the Ministry	22		from the minister or from others as to what those
22		of Finance was charged with doing, which was	23		options should look like is consistent with the
22 23			l .		-
		delivering financial accountability in a much	24		preparation of Cabinet submissions. Each, though,

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1	2033	Q. Was there anything unusual about	1		minister's recommendations?
2		this particular decision moving quickly?	2		A. It would have captured the
3		A. I think there's a number of items	3		direction from the government and the minister
4		through that whole budget process that worked	4		representing the ministry bringing the Cabinet
5		through very quickly. I would not say this was the	5		submission forward.
6		only one.	6	2041	O. In terms of how that decision
7	2034	Q. Did you have the view that the	7		submission to Cabinet for a decision went from a
8	2001	decision to terminate SARP was not Cabinet-ready?	8		committee to Cabinet, was there anything unusual
9		A. It was Cabinet made the	9		about that?
10		decision on the best information we had at the	10		A. No. There's a Cabinet committee
11		time.	11		close to a Cabinet date, and so it my
12	2035	Q. And so if I put to you is this	12		recollection based on the material I saw, it went
13	2033	decision Cabinet-ready, what would you say?	13		to a Cabinet committee on the 7th and then to full
14		A. I'd say it's the best information	14		Cabinet on the 8th.
15		we had at the time.	15	2042	Q. Mr. Lisus suggested to you that
16	2036		16	2042	2 35 1
	2030	Q. I think you gave that answer to			civil servants were for cancelling SARP but
17		Mr. Lisus a number of times. I don't think either	17		recommended a three-year step-down, and then the
18		one of us is going to get a different answer from	18		Minister of Finance or the Premier preferred a
19		you.	19		one-year phase-out. Do you remember that?
20		A. It's we had a number of	20	00.40	A. I remember that discussion.
21		measures coming forward. The ministry is working	21	2043	Q. Is there anything unusual about
22		on all fronts, and it was the information we had at	22		elected officials ultimately choosing to recommend
23		the time to give Cabinet a document that presented	23		to Cabinet a different course than the one put
24		the information we had at the time.	24		forward by the civil service?
25	2037	Q. Now, Mr. Lisus suggested that	25		A. There's often when options are
		Page 575			Page 577
1		there were perhaps changes made to the Cabinet	1		prepared, and the government may want may change
2		submission after you had signed the initial draft.	2		those options going into Cabinet.
3		Do you remember that?	3	2044	Q. And Cabinet itself may change
4		A. Sometimes there was tweaks to the	4		recommendation
5		wording or to the type of information that's	5		A. And Cabinet may change it as well.
6		included, and so that might occur after a signature	6	2045	Q. Cabinet may change it. Is it fair
7		as it's going into the system.	7		to say that cancelling SARP was one decision that
8	2038	Q. Mr. Lisus put to you that the	8		the government took, and determining the
9		period for transition funding for SARP appeared to	9		appropriate level of funding for horse racing was
10		have changed after you had signed that initial	10		another decision?
11		draft. Do you remember that?	11		A. So repeat that again, please.
12		A. I don't recall exactly the I	12	2046	Q. Is it fair to say that the
			13		decision to cancel SARP was one decision that the
13		know there's references to some changes, but I			
13 14		know there's references to some changes, but I can't recall actually what the changes were at the	14		government took, and then setting the appropriate
13			14 15		government took, and then setting the appropriate level of horse racing funding was another decision
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1	0045	Cabinet.	1		I think you gave the example of northern
2	2047	Q. They're separate decisions?	2		transportation.
3		A. They're separate decisions.	3		A. So the ONTC was another big
4		Sometimes they're grouped together, and sometimes	4		decision the government made that they later,
5		they're done in sequence.	5		informing an advisory committee, made changes to
6	2048	Q. If you just cancel SARP without	6		the exact implementation of that decision, and that
7		taking any other decisions, the effect is that when	7		was made part of the budget process.
8		SARP funding stops, there is no replacement	8	2055	Q. Why did the government make
9		funding; right?	9		changes to that decision?
10		A. So besides a Pari-Mutuel Tax	10		A. Feedback from the sector, from the
11		Reduction, that that would have been the end of	11		region. I can't recall exactly, but it would be
12		that program, depends what they did elsewhere in	12		similar in nature to the horse racing.
13		terms of the rental space and so forth.	13	2056	Q. Was this kind of feedback a
14	2049	Q. Those would have to be separate	14		natural part of the budgeting process?
15		decisions taken?	15		A. You're rolling out a whole bunch
16		A. They would be part of the total	16		of different initiatives based on the best
17		package of decisions to be made over a period of	17		information it had at the time. As more
18		time.	18		information comes forward, there's more engagement
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19	2050	Q. If you just cancelled SARP without	19		with the the government will time after time
20		those other decisions other than the Pari-Mutuel	20		make adjustments to those decisions.
21		tax refund, there's no further funding for horse	21		This other budgets have similar
22		racing?	22		feedback mechanisms. We made changes with the
23		A. Under that scenario, yes.	23		Harmonized Sales Tax. The government made an
24	2051	Q. What do you say to the suggestion	24		announcement in 2009. There was changes to the
25		that cancelling SARP and providing only a year of	25		program all the way up to 2010 budget and 2011
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1		transition funding were decisions taken by civil	1		budget.
2		servants or political staffers?	2	2057	Q. And that's just a normal part of
3		A. I think at the end of the day in	3		responding to feedback as changes are implemented?
4		deciding on the full budget so this decision	4		
5			4		A. And as more information comes
_		would have been made in context, I believe, of all	5		A. And as more information comes available.
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6 7		would have been made in context, I believe, of all	5	2058	available.
	2052	would have been made in context, I believe, of all the other decisions that we'd be making in lead-up	5 6	2058	available. Q. Do you have any evidence to
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2	2001	A. So that was part of the February	2		OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION
3		Cabinet decision.	3		CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RATCLIFFE:
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4	2062	Q. Do you have any evidence that that	4	2009	Q. For the record, I'm
5		decision was irrational?	5		Robert Ratcliffe, here on behalf of the province of
6		A. The government based its decision	6		Ontario, and I have a few questions for you.
7		on the best information they had at the time.	7		Earlier in response to Mr. Lisus's
8	2063	Q. Do you have any evidence to	8		questions and also Mr. Rosenberg's questions, you
9		suggest that cancelling SARP was a decision taken	9		made reference to the challenges Ontario faced at
10		in bad faith?	10		the time that the budget was being drafted in 2012.
11		A. The government based on our	11		A. Can you repeat that?
12		Cabinet submission, they made the decision, as I	12	2070	Q. There were challenges at the time.
13		can tell, from the information we provided them.	13		A. Yeah, there was a number of
14	2064	Q. And you said that was the best	14	2071	Q. But you made reference to a large
15		evidence available?	15		deficit. Was that roughly 14 or 15
16		A. Best information we had at the	16		A. So the budget in the prior year
17		time.	17		came in at 14 billion. We were facing with a
18	2065	O. What about the decision to	18		\$15 billion deficit. We were faced also with
19		discontinue funding to the horse racing industry in	19		rating agencies looking at
20		March 2013, was that taken in bad faith?	20		MR. LISUS: Mr. Ratcliffe, we've heard
21		A. That was the same decision they	21		this about half a dozen times.
22		made on February 7th and 8th based on a Cabinet	22		MR. RATCLIFFE: I know. And I'm going
23		submission we provided them.	23		on to talk about something a little bit different
24	2066	Q. Part of that group of decisions I	24		than that. So, I mean, I'm establishing a topic.
25	2000	think you said.	25		Thank you.
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1		A. It was part of the group of	1	0000	BY MR. RATCLIFFE:
2		decisions they made at that time based on the best	2	2072	Q. And the implications of credit
3		information that the Ministry of Finance had at the	3		ratings would be what in terms of the financial
4		time.	4		aspects for the province?
5	2067	Q. Do you have any evidence to	5		A. So at the time, the government was
6		suggest that the decision to cancel SARP was taken	6		monitoring how credit rating agencies were going to
7		in a manner that was extremely careless?	7		view our debt, and further downgrades had the
8		A. The Cabinet decision was based on	8		potential of increasing our borrowing costs which
9		a Ministry of Finance submission, detailed	9		would intend require other cuts in the system to
10		submission, based on the best information we had at	10		meet our deficit target. So that was always
11		the time.	11		always continued to be a factor.
ı		O Government for the dealer to	12	2073	Q. Now, you made reference or
12	2068	Q. Same answer for the decision to			
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2		meeting the federal equalization program which	2	2080	Q. So it wasn't just this case?
3		actually gave the province some funds out of the	3	2000	A. So there's been other cases where
4		equalization funding program.	4		a decision is going to Cabinet, they have we get
5	2075	Q. Was there pressure from Canada as	5		direction as to a different course of action.
6	2075		6	2081	
7		well for Ontario to get its financial house in	7	2001	Q. Now, I'd like to take you to the transition funding. The announcement was made in
		order? Was there pressure from that direction?			5
8		A. So the federal government was	8		March of 2012 in terms of going forward in the
9		critical of the province. The former minister,	9		cancellation of SARP?
10		late minister, Jim Flaherty, had raised concerns	10		A. The announcement was in, yes,
11		about our debt situation and our credit rating	11		March of 2012.
12		situation.	12	2082	Q. And the panel was actually the
13	2076	Q. Now, I'd like to just take you to,	13		announcement for the panel that was going to look
14		you know, the practice around Cabinet secrecy.	14		into this was made in June of the same year?
15		You've had questions from Mr. Lisus and also	15		A. That's correct.
16		Mr. Rosenberg.	16	2083	Q. And in the intervening period,
17		What is the problem if, you know, close	17		there would have been steps taken in terms of
18		to the time those decisions are being made, there	18		discussing what the government should do when
19		was outreach to OMAFRA or there was outreach to the	19		reaching out to the three panel members and making
20		Ontario Racing Commission when you're looking at	20		all the arrangements for that?
21		cross-government? Why can't you share what you're	21		A. So I think early after the budget,
22		doing with individual players, I guess, in the	22		there is a lot of discussion in terms of, you know,
23		system?	23		we're getting a lot of feedback from different
24		A. So a lot of conversations we'll	24		stakeholders obviously that the horse racing
25		have with line ministries and agencies and	25		industry was quite concerned, and the government
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1		Page 587 stakeholders. Once the government starts getting	1		Page 589 wanted to get additional advice.
2		into making difficult situations, often we go into	2		And so they were then thinking of who
			3		-
3		budget secrecy.			would be the people that would sit on the panel.
4		And closer to the budget, more and more	4		The Minister of Agriculture and Food and Rural
5		gets contained and becomes limited to a smaller	5		Affairs played a role in providing the advice of
6		group of people. And then that gets built into the	6		who should be on the panel and was assigned the
7		budget and then part of our budget announcement.	7		responsibility to have the panel report to that
8	2077	Q. So when you talk about getting	8		minister.
9		closer to the budget, if you're within two or three	9	2084	Q. Is it fair to say that this
10		weeks of the budget?	10		process moved forward very quickly?
11		A. Or two and three months.	11		A. I'd say fairly quickly, yes.
12	2078	Q. Or two and three	12	2085	Q. Their interim report came out in
13		A. If it's a late March, early April,	13		August of the same year?
14		you're into January, February, you start to become	14		A. If I recall correctly, yes.
15		more concerned with confidentiality. As you can	15	2086	Q. Now, the starting point for this,
16		see, some of the documents were password protected.	16		I guess, was \$50 million in transition funding.
17		Additional security gets put in place.	17		That grew over time, did it not?
18	2079	Q. Now, Mr. Lisus raised the question	18		A. I think as more information came
19		about how there could be this change in direction,	19		available, the panel recommended additional
20		I guess, that took place on the 2nd or 3rd of	20		funding, and the government over time began to
21		February and the Cabinet decisions being made on	21		bring forward the ministry brought forward
22		the 8th.	22		proposals to provide additional relief for the
23		Was there anything unusual about	23		sector.
24		Cabinet decisions being made at the last minute?	24	2087	Q. And at one point, it was
				2007	
25		Did this occur in other cases?	25		\$400 million over five years. Do you recall that?

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1		A. I can't recall.	1		A. Those two.
2	2088	Q. You're not familiar with that?	2	2097	Q. Those two. Okay. So if we look
3		A. I remember seeing an earlier one	3		at the characteristics of a government business
4		where it was \$150 million a year for three years.	4		enterprise, they are government organizations that,
5	2089	Q. You moved into a different	5		one, are separate legal entities with the power to
6		position at that point in time or around that time?	6		contract in their own name; correct?
7		A. So there was different stages, and	7		A. I see that reference.
8		I can't recall exactly where I was, but I was	8	2098	Q. Have the financial and operating
9		Deputy Minister of Finance when the government was	9		authority to carrying on a business; correct?
10		looking at or considering additional relief for the	10		A. I see that as well.
11		sector.	11	2099	Q. Are principally focused on the
12	2090	Q. And so if I were to say that at	12		selling of goods and services to individuals and
13		the present moment in time, it's \$500 million over	13		nongovernment organizations?
14		five years, you're not in a position to know	14		A. I see that.
15		whether or not that's true or not?	15	2100	Q. And are able to maintain their
16		A. I don't want to comment on that,	16		operations and meet their obligations through
17		per se, because I'm not familiar with the details.	17		revenues generated outside the government entity;
18		MR. RATCLIFFE: Those are my questions.	18		correct?
19		RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. LISUS:	19		A. I see that as well.
20	2091	Q. Mr. Orsini, I have a few questions	20	2101	Q. And OLG, as a government business
21	2071	for you. You were asked some questions by	21	2101	enterprise, has all those characteristics; correct?
22		Mr. Rosenberg about OLG's business. Do you	22		A. They look familiar to the
23		remember that?	23		operations of the OLG.
24		A. There was a number of questions.	24	2102	O. And OLG with its Slots at
25		Can you be more specific?	25	2102	Racetrack Program was carrying on a business at
43		can you be more specific:	23		racectack frogram was carrying on a business at
1	2092	Page 591 Q. OLG is a government business	1		Page 593 racetracks; right?
2	2072	enterprise; correct?	2		A. One could make that point.
3		A. That's correct.	3	2103	Q. And OLG was selling services to
4	2093	O. And government business	4	2103	individuals at those racetracks; right?
5	2093	enterprises are government organizations that have	5		A. Through their slots, machines.
6		specific characteristics; correct?	6	2104	
7			7	2104	
		A. I think they have certain	8		the services through their slot machines, OLG was
8	0004	characteristics, yes.	•		generating revenue; correct?
9	2094	Q. One, they are separate legal	9	01.05	A. Correct.
10		entities with the power to contract in their own	10	2105	Q. And OLG was maintaining its
11		name; right?	11		operations through the revenue it was generating
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12		A. That could be one of them.	12		through its slot machines at the racetracks?
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1		Page 594	1		Page 596 BY MR. LISUS:
2		same question.	2	2112	
		MR. LISUS: I'm following up on your		2112	Q. In any event, we can agree, sir,
3		questions.	3		that the commission was generated by the playing of
4	01.00	BY MR. LISUS:	4		slot machines, not by the needs of the horse racing
5	2107	Q. The commissions paid were	5		sector. We can agree on that; right?
6		operating expenses incurred in the carrying on of	6		A. I think the understanding was it
7		the business of operating slot machines and	7		wasn't tied to the races or the number of horses
8		providing a service to individuals and	8		and so forth.
9		nongovernment organizations; right?	9	2113	Q. Right.
10		A. Repeat that.	10		A. It was tied to the amount of
11	2108	Q. The commissions that were paid	11		betting.
12		under the Slots at Racetrack Program were an	12	2114	Q. Correct. When you say "it," we're
13		operating expense of the business that OLG was	13		talking about the commissions that were then
14		carrying on at the racetracks; right?	14		shared; right?
15		MR. RATCLIFFE: The objection I have,	15		A. We're talking about the total
16		Mr. Lisus, is I don't see how this is relevant to	16		amount of the proceeds coming from the slots less
17		the issues in play. Maybe you can explain how it's	17		the winnings, but the gross proceeds coming off
18		even relevant.	18		after the winnings was the basis, as I understand,
19		MR. LISUS: I think it's highly	19		in a nonlegalistic terms is my understanding of
20		relevant to the question of whether these revenues	20		what was the amount of money that was then divvied
21		were a subsidy or a business development support or	21		up.
22		simply an operating expense of a business carried	22	2115	Q. Right. And that money that was
23		on by a government business enterprise at	23	2113	divvied up depended entirely on what kind of
24		racetracks.	24		activity there were at the slot machines, not the
25		THE WITNESS: The response I gave	25		needs of the horse racing sector; correct?
23		THE WITHESS. THE TESPONSE I gave	25		needs of the horse facing sector/ correct:
1		Page 595	1		Page 597
1		earlier to Mr. Rosenberg, it was a rate out of a	1		MR. ROSENBERG: He answered this
2		percentage rate out of the betting on slots. The	2		already. This is not proper reexamination.
3		terminology you're using, I'm giving it a more	3		THE WITNESS: It would be depending on
4		generic understanding.	4		number of slot machines, the number of people
5		BY MR. LISUS:	5		betting, the attractiveness to the people coming.
6	2109	Q. The commission was a set	6		BY MR. LISUS:
7		20 percent rate out of the betting on the slot	7	2116	Q. Thank you. Now, you talked about
8		machines; right?	8		budget secrecy. The budget was released on
9		A. It was a rate a fixed rate on	9		March 26, 2012; correct?
10		the amount betted on slot machines.	10		A. Yes, thereabouts.
11	2110	Q. Right. And the revenue or profit	11	2117	Q. And you aren't suggesting, sir,
12		that was generated from those slot machines	12		that Mr. Seiling, the chair of the ORC, couldn't be
13		depended on the profitability of the slot machines	13		trusted to be consulted in confidence about the
14		at that particular racetrack; correct?	14		consequences of the decision that was directed by
15		A. To use the term "profitability,"	15		Mr. McGuinty and Mr. Duncan and subsequently
16		which talks about costs, not knowing the costs	16		approved by Cabinet, are you?
17		we talked about that earlier it was based on the	17		A. No. We're not in the position of
18		gross proceeds.	18		deciding who gets told when.
19	2111	Q. No, I think the commission was	19	2118	Q. In fact, Mr. Seiling was, in fact,
20		based on the net win, sir.	20		told about the decision in advance of March 26 when
21		MR. ROSENBERG: Do you know?	21		the budget was released?
		MR. LISUS: It's in the siteholder	22		A. That would be a minister's office
22		agreement.	23		decision as to when external stakeholders would be
		agreement.	رے ا		acception as co mich executat scarenoraces month be
22 23 24		THE WITNIEGS: I'm talking about the	24		informed
		THE WITNESS: I'm talking about the gross proceeds coming out of the slots.	24 25	2119	informed. Q. Right. And he did maintain

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1		Page 598 confidence; right? He didn't leak what	1		Page 600 Ontario have a right to expect that the government
2		Mr. Stransky told him?	2		will make decisions responsibly in tough times and
3		MR. RATCLIFFE: When was this?	3		in good economic times; correct?
4		MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Lisus, be fair to	4		A. That would be a fair assessment.
5		the witness. You put to him that he was told the	5	2127	Q. You aren't at all suggesting that
6		day before the announcement was made on March 12th.	6	2127	because there happens to be a tough economic
7		BY MR. LISUS:	7		climate, that the government is permitted to behave
8	2120	O. That was the day before the	8		less responsibly in the making and implementing of
9	2120	announcement was made about the modernization plan	9		important decisions; correct?
10		-	10		
11		which was in advance of the budget release; right, Mr. Orsini?	11		3
12		A. And that's the government's	12		balance a number of objectives when they're making decisions.
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13		prerogative of when they announce or release the	13	2128	Q. But always, regardless of the
14	01.01	details.	14		economic climate, the government has to make
15	2121	Q. I understand. All I'm suggesting	15		decisions responsibly based on the best information
16		to you, sir, is that the government clearly wasn't	16		available to it; correct?
17		concerned about budget secrecy with respect to	17		A. That would be an operating
18		Mr. Seiling because they, in fact, told him about	18		assumption.
19		the decision prior to the release of the budget;	19	2129	Q. Right. And regardless of the
20		right?	20		economic climate, the government has to implement
21		MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Lisus, that's	21		the decisions it makes responsibly?
22		absurd. The modernization report announced the	22		A. The tougher the economic
23		termination of SARP on March 12th. You've	23		environment, the tougher the decision and the
24		established that already. It was public.	24		implementation of those decisions.
25		BY MR. LISUS:	25	2130	Q. But regardless of the economic
		Page 599			Page 601
1	2122	Q. Do you agree with me that	1		climate, you and I can agree, sir, that the
2		Mr. Seiling was told prior to the release of the	2		government has to implement its decisions in the
3		budget?	3		A. In the most responsible way
4		A. So if the government is announcing	4		possible.
5		something, either itself or through an agency prior	5	2131	Q. And we can also agree, sir, that
6		to the budget, then that's all coordinated. And if	6		regardless of the economic climate, the government
7		it's all coordinated, they in turn will let people	7		has to implement its decisions in good faith;
8		know at the appropriate time.	8		correct?
9	2123	Q. But you aren't suggesting to me,	9		A. I would say the government, in
10		sir, that Mr. Seiling couldn't be trusted to be	10		making its decision, would want to weigh in all the
11		consulted about the consequences of the decision?	11		factors.
12		A. I'm not making any comment on that	12	2132	Q. Right. And get the best
13		or	13		information available; correct?
14	2124	Q. Now, you talked a lot about the	14		A. That's correct.
15		economic climate in 2012 to Mr. Rosenberg and	15	2133	Q. All right. You told us about the
16		Mr. Ratcliffe. Do you remember that?	16		difficult economic environment. And what you were
			17		describing was a difficult economic environment for
17		A. Yes.	1 - 1		
	2125	A. Yes. Q. And I take it you'll agree with	18		the people of Ontario; right?
17	2125				the people of Ontario; right? A. It was a difficult fiscal
17 18	2125	Q. And I take it you'll agree with	18		
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17 18 19 20	2125	Q. And I take it you'll agree with me, Mr. Orsini, that the government has to make decisions responsibly regardless of the economic climate; right?	18 19 20	2134	A. It was a difficult fiscal
17 18 19 20 21 22	2125	Q. And I take it you'll agree with me, Mr. Orsini, that the government has to make decisions responsibly regardless of the economic climate; right? A. The government makes decisions all	18 19 20 21	2134	A. It was a difficult fiscal environment for all parts of the economy, including the people of Ontario. Q. And because it was a difficult
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17 18 19 20 21 22 23	2125	Q. And I take it you'll agree with me, Mr. Orsini, that the government has to make decisions responsibly regardless of the economic climate; right? A. The government makes decisions all the time based on the information they have at the	18 19 20 21 22 23	2134	A. It was a difficult fiscal environment for all parts of the economy, including the people of Ontario. Q. And because it was a difficult

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1		Page 602 decisions that would have an impact on people's	1	Page 604
2		livelihoods and investments?	2	
3		A. I think they would be making a	3	I, CARISSA STABBLER, Court
4		judgment on all those plus people's health care,	4	Reporter, certify;
5		emergency room visits, surgeries, all the elements	5	
6			6	That the foregoing proceedings were
	0125	of public services.	7	taken before me at the time and place therein set
7	2135	Q. Of course. Included in that	8	forth, at which time the witness was put under oath
8		decision-making process would be the manner in	9	by me;
9		which government communicated its decisions to the	10	
10		people affected by them; right?		That the testimony of the witness
11		A. I think the communication process	11	and all objections made at the time of the
12		would look at how best to communicate any change to	12	examination were recorded stenographically by me
13		the sector.	13	and were thereafter transcribed;
14	2136	Q. Right. Particularly if the change	14	
15		that was being implemented was going to have a	15	That the foregoing is a true and
16		significant economic consequence on stakeholders;	16	correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken.
17		right?	17	
18		A. They would pay particular	18	Dated this 28th day of February 2018.
19		attention to those situations.	19	0// 11/ /
20	2137	Q. And that is what responsible	20	/X La
21		government decision implementation is about; right?	21	(/S101000).
22		A. Certainly the communications would	22	
23		want to take into all aspects of the context of the	23	NEESON COURT REPORTING INC.
24		decision and who was affected by the decision.	24	PER: CARISSA STABBLER, RPR, CSR
25	2138	Q. And the consequences of the	25	COURT REPORTER
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1	decisi	Page 603 on as well?		
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4	1109001	MR. LISUS: Thank you, Mr. Orsini.		
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