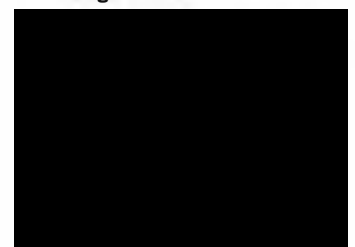


I, Anthony David Daly, solemnly affirm the following statements before this committee:

1. I am the former partner of Khamphone Xaysavanh, known as “Kham”. Kham was the former executive director of our jointly founded company, Milo Consulting, trading as Synergy 360.
2. [REDACTED]
3. On April 1, 2017, Kham and I established Milo Consulting Pty Ltd, trading as Synergy 360, with ABN 75 618 325 385.
4. Synergy 360 devised a remuneration framework to secure government contracts on behalf of their clients, comprising the following elements: a 1% success fee determined by the total project value, a monthly retainer ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and a 5% allocation specifically designated for resources and contractors. This allocation was proportionate to the overall contract value and aimed to ensure timely and cost-effective completion of the projects.
5. From April 1, 2017, until around March 2020, I conducted various day-to-day operations of Synergy 360 from our residential address. These operations included webpage management, IT operations, and email administration. This continued until approximately March 2020.
6. Between March 27, 2017, and October 1, 2019, I personally incurred expenses totalling AUD\$33,465.15 on my credit card to support the cash flow of Synergy360. However, I was not reimbursed for these payments.
7. Additionally, to contribute to the startup of Synergy360, Kham and I, through our other company, KhamX Pty Ltd (Nspire Recruitment), made the following cash injections from our ANZ bank account to Synergy360's bank account for day-to-day running costs and business expenses:
 - (a) July 25, 2018 - AUD\$10,000
 - (b) August 2, 2018 - AUD\$20,000
 - (c) August 14, 2018 - AUD\$10,000
 - (d) September 3, 2018 - AUD\$30,000
 - (e) October 3, 2018 - AUD\$60,000
8. At the time of incorporation there was only two (2) ordinary shares of the company. Kham and David Milo were both directors and equal shareholders in Synergy360, each owning one ordinary share.
9. From incorporation until mid-2019, neither David Milo nor John Margerison (an individual unfamiliar to us at the time) contributed financially to Synergy 360. Instead, Kham and I solely funded the business, shouldering all financial responsibilities during its formative years.
10. From April 1, 2017, to April 13, 2020, the registered address of Synergy360 was located at our previous matrimonial residences: initially at [REDACTED] and subsequently at [REDACTED]



11. On September 8, 2017, Kham and David Milo organized a meeting at the Hyatt Canberra to discuss the share ownership structure of Synergy 360. Subsequently, Kham informed me about a proposal put forth by David Milo, which suggested transferring 21% of Kham's shares. According to the proposal, David Milo aimed to obtain an additional 1% of shares, giving him majority ownership, while the remaining 20% would be transferred to United Marketing controlled by an individual named John Margerison, whom we were unfamiliar with at the time. Ultimately, this arrangement was designed to facilitate the flow of funds through United Marketing and onward to Stuart Robert.
12. The main objective of this arrangement was to secure Stuart Robert's involvement and support in acquiring federal government contracts. Stuart Robert's political influence and connections within the government sector were deemed crucial in ensuring favourable outcomes. Kham verbally consented to David Milo proposal but was not compensated for the transfer of her shares.
13. Subsequently, Kham informed me that director's fees would only be allocated based on share ownership and distributed after successfully securing contract awards. Contrary to this Kham received numerous director fee payments on top of her monthly salary.
14. During the morning of Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at precisely 9:17am, I received an email from Kham requesting my assistance in facilitating a share transfer process with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). This included obtaining all the necessary forms from ASIC, as she was now able to complete the structural changes required to the business shareholdings. To provide further context, Kham outlined the allocation of shareholdings, specifying that David Milo would hold a majority stake of 51%, Kham would own 29% of the shares, and United Marketing Pty Ltd a 20% stake. The email was signed off "Cheers" from Kham.
15. Regarding the meetings involving Stuart Robert. These were arranged by David Milo and Kham at various locations, including David's personal residence at [REDACTED], Parliament House, our house at [REDACTED] and at John Margerison's house on the Gold Coast. Clients such as [REDACTED] (Infosys), [REDACTED] (Infosys VP), [REDACTED] (formerly Unisys), [REDACTED] (formerly Unisys), [REDACTED] (Unisys), [REDACTED] (Delv), [REDACTED] (formerly Deloitte), [REDACTED] (Salesforce) and [REDACTED] (Gov) attended these meetings, among others.
16. These gatherings were usually scheduled after parliamentary sessions in Canberra, providing an opportunity for clients to engage with Stuart Robert who was then the Minister for Government Services and the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This was to enable the attendees to have direct discussions with Stuart Robert about forthcoming tenders and contracts.
17. For further context, Kham coordinated these events by contacting Stuart Robert's personal assistant and clients via text messages. Attendees would gather at David's house and other locations as what he referred to as "supper". Importantly, I was made aware by Kham that Stuart Robert deliberately omitted the majority of these meetings from his parliamentary diary to maintain confidentiality and avoid public awareness.
18. With respect to the hearing on 24 April 2023, in response to David Milo's accusations during the hearing that I stole his computer and accessed Synergy 360 emails and his

- personal information, I strongly deny these allegations. I would like to provide an explanation of the events related to this matter.
19. During the period in time when I was responsible for overseeing the IT systems of Synergy 360, I facilitated a transfer of all Synergy files from our hosting provider, Ventraip, to Netregistry. This transfer was conducted with the assistance of Netregistry using my personal home computer at the direction of David Milo and Kham. The reason behind this transfer was David Milo's desire to switch to Office 365 email, which Ventraip did not support at that time. As a result, numerous emails were captured on my personal HP Hard Drive home backup.
 20. On the evening of Sunday, April 5, 2020, at approximately 6:30 pm, I received an unexpected phone call from the AFP Police. The purpose of the call was to inform me that Synergy360 (Kham) had made an allegation against me, claiming that I had accessed their emails [REDACTED]
 21. It appeared that both Kham and David had become aware that I still had access to the Synergy 360 IT system. Upon learning of the allegation, I promptly explained to the constable on the 5th of April 2020, whose name I regrettably cannot recall, that I had always possessed access to the system and in fact was responsible for the day-to-day duties at the company setting up the hosting provider and establishing the entire system in the first place and ongoing operations. I made it clear that my access was legitimate and authorised.
 22. In order to handle this matter through legal channels, my solicitor took immediate action. The day after the phone call, my solicitor sent correspondence to the relevant officer at the AFP, as well as to Kham's solicitor. The purpose of this correspondence was to provide clarification and address the situation from a legal standpoint. We wanted to ensure that all parties involved understood the facts and were aware of my legitimate access to the Synergy360 IT system.
 23. After sending the letters, we did not receive any further communication or inquiries from the AFP regarding this matter. It can be inferred that our correspondence successfully conveyed the truth and addressed any possible misunderstandings regarding the alleged breach of the apprehended violence order and access to the Synergy360 IT system.
 24. I possess email evidence substantiating requests for my assistance in configuring the Synergy 360 IT system as well as other IT related matters. As an example - on April 25, 2017, David reached out to me, requesting IT/email support for Synergy360.
 25. In response to David Milo's further accusations during the hearing on 24 April 2023 that I had tampered with emails, suggesting that some, if not all, of them have been manipulated. I deny these accusations and state that I have not made any modifications to any emails in any manner. This assertion I'm sure can be readily confirmed through the utilization of email forensics software, which is specifically designed for email authentication purposes.
 26. As part of Kham and my divorce proceedings, in mid-2021, I agreed to surrender my personal HP Hard Drive with all of our personal and business/professional information in exchange for me appointing a forensic accountant to value the Synergy 360 business. I was required to provide all pertinent information which included all of Kham and David Milo's business arrangements. The Hard Drive was sent to [REDACTED] as requested by David Milo and his barrister.
 27. Furthermore, based on my knowledge regarding Synergy 360's involvement as a lobbyist, it is worth noting that the initial significant client contract win was with

Unisys and was instigated by Andrew Phillips, who was formerly a Vice President at Unisys and now currently employed by Synergy 360. At the time, a teaming agreement between the two parties were in the process of being finalized. However, the progress of this agreement was being hindered by the involvement of Unisys lawyers. Andrew Phillips expressed his frustration, stating that all the information he had reviewed indicated that the agreement was being delayed because of lobbyist reasons from the Unisys legal team. On the 16th of August 2017 at 3.45pm. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Regional Council for Unisys, stated in an email to Andrew Phillips – Thank you for sending the details of David's company. I have looked on the Cth Lobbyist Register (below) and could not find David Milo, Milo Consulting or Synergy360 as a registered Cth lobbyist. Before circulating our approval material off to the US, I recommend we consider this and if necessary, ask David whether he intends to register, and if not, why not. In response to this obstacle, Kham informed me that David contacted Stuart Robert to discuss the matter with him directly. Stuart Robert, in turn, expressed his belief that such a collaboration would not be feasible, as it would attract significant public attention to the Synergy 360 business, potentially requiring disclosure of all projects Synergy 360 were currently working on. The agreement was later signed without the use of the term "Lobbyist".

28. David Milo and Kham were also in attendance at the 2018 Federal Budget Function and Private Dinner held at Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 for the Hon Stuart Robert MP. The dinner was organized by John Margerison the chairman of "The Forum". Kham responded to the RSVP for both her and David. It was only later that Kham informed John Margerison that she had run out of business cards during the dinner. She reached out to John Margerison the following day, expressing her enjoyment of the evening and requesting the contact information for a potential new client, [REDACTED] from Affordable Housing. In an email to John Margerison on the Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 2:25 PM, she wrote: "Hi John, Great job on the event. Thank you. Could you please send me [REDACTED] (Affordable Housing) contact details? I ran out of cards at the budget dinner." I was at home at [REDACTED] that evening when Kham and David Milo attended the private Budget dinner. I was looking after the children and watching the Budget which was televised on ABC.
29. During the committee hearing on 14 April 2023, Kham also commented that Damien West was the brother of her closest friend [REDACTED]. I have had the opportunity to meet both Damien West and his sister [REDACTED] on numerous occasions in the past. Throughout 2018-2019, Damien West would frequently visit the family residence at [REDACTED] and hold meetings with both Kham and David Milo in the lounge room. These gatherings typically took place on Thursday or Friday evenings after Damien West finished his work for the day. Although I was not included in these discussions, as they would close the lounge room door, Kham later informed me that both she and David were collaborating with Damien West on joint projects. During these meetings I would be in the living room looking after the children. Kham also mentioned to me that Damien West had the chance to personally meet with Stuart Robert, and it was also mentioned that Stuart Robert played a role in assisting Damien West securing a new position within the government.
30. One final point before I close that I would like to mention. Given my association of our past business with David Milo and Kham and business dealings, the Committee may also want to consider the involvement or association of "Triarchy Consulting PTY LTD" and its Australian Business Number (ABN) is 16 664 404 990. The director of Triarchy Consulting is SIMON JAMES BRITTON, who also holds the position of General Manager at Synergy 360. However, the majority shareholder of

Triarchy Consulting is Paul Adrian Douglas Murphy. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This connection might also be worth investigating further to gather more information.

31. On a last note, Kham and I organised a Synergy 360 Christmas party in 2018 at our residence located at [REDACTED]. Among the attendees were [REDACTED] (formerly Synergy 360) and his family, [REDACTED] (Synergy 360), David Milo (Synergy 360), [REDACTED] phy (Synergy 360), along with [REDACTED] Paul Murphy (a majority shareholder at Triarchy Consulting). Additionally, [REDACTED] from Infosys and his family were present. During this gathering, according to David Milo, John Margerison, the owner of United Marketing and multiple other companies, including one focused on acquiring commercial offices, had a significant involvement with Stuart Robert, who was the Minister of Human Services at the time. David Milo told me that Stuart Robert directed Centrelink leases towards properties owned by one of Margerison's companies, resulting in favourable terms such as high rents and long lease durations. This arrangement also extended to Margerison's health companies in relation to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
32. In summary, in order to establish the veracity of my statement, I can provide testimonials, emails to verify my statements, commercial and legal artifacts and am fully prepared to cooperate and participate in any National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) hearing, where I would willingly testify under oath to provide further evidence and clarification regarding the matter at hand.

This concludes my statement. 

[REDACTED]
Anthony Daly 27-05-2023

Witnessed:

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27 MAY 2023