Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

Australian Securities and Investments Commission

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Answers to Questions on Notice

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Committee Member: Mr Gorman

Questions:

Mr GORMAN: Are they separately listed, as two separate items, or are they—
Ms Armour: I believe they are two separate items, but could I come back to you and confirm whether or not the court is hearing them as two separate items? I don't have that information in front of me.

Answers:

The matters mentioned in the Brisbane Magistrates Court on 27 November 2020 were listed separately and are two distinct prosecutions being conducted by the CDPP, namely:

- charges were issued against Palmer Leisure Coolum Pty Ltd (PLC) and Mr Palmer, as a
 director of PLC, in February 2018 for contraventions of section 631(1) of the Act arising
 from a proposed takeover of The President's Club Ltd, the operator of a time share
 scheme (PLC charges). Next mention in the Magistrates Court at Brisbane is on 11
 March 2020; and
- charges were issued against Mr Palmer on 6 February 2020 for two contraventions of section 184(2)(a) of the Act (directors' duties) and two contraventions of section 408C(1)(d) of the *Criminal Code Act 1899* Qld (fraud) arising from Mr Palmer's transfer of \$12.167 million from Mineralogy Pty Ltd (Mineralogy) for the use of the Palmer United Party as part of its 2013 Federal election campaign (PUP Payments charges). Next mention in the Magistrates Court at Brisbane is on 11 March 2021.