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Senator RONALDSON-We have dealt with the \$65,700, which is the 153214 contract. We have dealt with the 30 November 2008 153445 contract. What does the 153368 contract for \$10,600 relate to?

Mr Mrdak-I am advised that it relates to the hosting of the November COAG meeting that was held here in Canberra.

Senator RONALDSON-What date was that?

Mr Mrdak-I will find out for you. I think it was late November, from memory.

Senator RONALDSON-This contract period was 10 December to 12 December, which is well outside the COAG timeline, isn't it?

Mr Mrdak-I will check whether that was an area of tender, but my understanding is COAG was 29 November.

Senator RONALDSON-Can you double-check that for me.

Answer: Contract Notice 153368 refers to the COAG meeting held in Canberra on 28-29 November 2008. It covers the cost of vehicles used to provide transport between the airport, accommodation, The Lodge and Parliament House. The vehicles were used to transport the Premiers, the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory and the President of the Australian Local Government Association, and members of their delegations during their attendance at the COAG.