

BETWEEN:

CHAFIC ISSA (Appellant)

and

THE QUEEN (First Respondent)

and

ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF VICTORIA (Second Respondent)

APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY



PART I: SUITABILITY FOR PUBLICATION

1. The appellant certifies that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

2. The following table sets out a chronology of the principal events in the litigation:

Date	Event	AB reference
24 August 2001	Antonios Mokbel ("Mokbel") charged with being knowingly concerned in the importation into Australia of a prohibited import, namely cocaine (s 233B(1)(d) <i>Customs Act</i> 1901(Cth). Remanded in custody.	
4 September 2002	Mokbel granted bail by Supreme Court of Victoria (<i>Mokbel v DPP (No.3)</i> [2002] VSC 403).	
7 February 2006	Mokbel's Commonwealth trial commences in the Supreme Court.	
16 March 2006	Crown Prosecutor commences final address.	
17 March 2006	Crown seeks an order revoking Mokbel's bail. Gillard J rules that bail will be revoked at the conclusion of counsel's addresses anticipated to be on 21 March 2006.	
20 March 2006	Court informed that Mokbel is missing and had	

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	not been seen since 5:00 pm the previous evening when he reported to the police station. Warrant issued for his arrest. Trial continues in Mokbel's absence.	
28 March 2006	Jury returns verdict of guilty.	
31 March 2006	Mokbel sentenced to 12 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 9 years for the Commonwealth charge (<i>R v Mokbel</i> [2006] VSC 119).	
10 5 June 2007	Mokbel arrested in Greece.	
18 March 2008	Supreme Court of Greece orders extradition.	
16 May 2008	Mokbel surrendered to Australian Federal Police and extradited.	
5 June 2007	Issa arrested and placed in custody.	
20 2 September 2009	Issa arraigned and pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to pervert the course of justice (Common law), one count trafficking in a large commercial amount of methylamphetamine (section 71 <i>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act</i> 1981, one count of knowingly dealing with the proceeds of crime (section 194(2) <i>Crimes Act</i> 1958) and one count of possession of cannabis (section 73 <i>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act</i> 1981). Plea hearing conducted.	
30 24 November 2009	Issa sentenced to 8 years on count 1, 8 years on count 2, 4 years of count 3 and on count 4 convicted and fined \$300. 4 years of count 1 and 6 months of count 3 to be served cumulatively on count 2. Total effective sentence of 12 years 6 months imprisonment with a non-parole period of 8 years and 6 months (903 days of pre-sentence detention declared (<i>R v Issa</i> [2009] VSC 633).	
17 June 2011	Court of Appeal (Redlich JA) grants leave for the appellant to appeal against sentence.	
19 and 20 March 2012	Court of Appeal (Warren CJ, Redlich, Hansen and Osborne JJA and Curtain AJA) hears appellant's appeal against sentence.	
40 30 July 2012	Court of Appeal refuses appellant's appeal against sentence (<i>Issa v The Queen</i> [2012] VSCA 160).	
15 March 2013	High Court (French CJ and Kiefel J) grants appellant's application for special leave to appeal on Ground 1 of the draft notice of appeal (<i>Issa v The Queen</i> [2013] HCA Trans 51).	

Dated this 19th day of April 2013.



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