

**MATTHEW JOYCE AND MARCUS LEE – Case Chronology**

Date	Event	Comment
22 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charged with a series of commercial offences including fraud.</li> </ul>	
25 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrested in Dubai.</li> </ul>	
10 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then Foreign Minister Smith raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about detention, request for consideration of bail.</li> </ul>
4, 15 and 19 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises case with UAE senior officials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about detention, request for consideration of bail.</li> </ul>
23 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then Foreign Minister Smith raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about detention, request for consideration of bail.</li> </ul>
3 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Consul General in Dubai writes letter in support of Mr Lee’s bail application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about detention, request for consideration of bail.</li> </ul>
14 & 21 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises case with UAE senior officials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about detention, request for consideration of bail.</li> </ul>
10 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises with UAE senior official.</li> </ul>	
10 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunland announces it has initiated civil action in the Federal Court of Queensland.</li> </ul>	
18 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises with UAE senior official.</li> </ul>	
10 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Consul General in Dubai writes second letter in support of Mr Lee’s bail application.</li> </ul>	
15 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First court hearing.</li> </ul>	
20 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bail conditions are set.</li> </ul>
22 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Joyce released on bail.</li> </ul>	
26 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Lee released on bail.</li> </ul>	
17 November 2009 27 December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court hearings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key witness not present.</li> </ul>
12 January 2010		
13 January 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises the case with senior UAE official.</li> </ul>	
5 February 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then Foreign Minister Smith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about length of time</li> </ul>

	raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister.	for court process and that failure of the key witness to attend court hearings.
7 February 2010 28 February 2010 6 April 2010 4 May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key witness not present.</li> </ul>
22 April 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Then Foreign Minister Smith raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HOM Dubai meets with both men and their families to provide details on Australian Government representations made on their behalf.</li> </ul>
18 May 2010 15 June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key witness not present.</li> </ul>
12 July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises with senior UAE official .</li> </ul>	
15 July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Then Foreign Minister Smith raises the case with UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about length of time for court process and that failure of the key witness to attend court hearings.</li> </ul>
16 July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Then Foreign Minister Smith raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about length of time for court process and that failure of the key witness to attend court hearings.</li> </ul>
17 August 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing (key witness present).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Lee's lawyer requests the hearing be postponed.</li> </ul>
21 September 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key witness not present.</li> </ul>
19 October 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing (key witness present).</li> </ul>	
7 December 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key witness not present.</li> </ul>
9 December 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case raised by Australia at bilateral consular talks with the UAE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about length of time for court process and that failure of the key witness to attend court hearings.</li> </ul>
11 January 2011 6 February 2011 1 March 2011 4 April 2011 24 April 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearings (witness present).</li> </ul>	

24 May 2011		
19 June 2011		
9 June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FM Rudd raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about length of time for court process and that failure of the key witness to attend court hearings.</li> </ul>
16 August 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief of Staff to Mr Rudd wrote to his counterpart in the office of the UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about length of time for court process and that failure of the key witness to attend court hearings.</li> </ul>
21 August 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearings (witness present).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce expressed concern that the next hearing (27 Sept) could be the last and wanted more time to submit a defence.</li> </ul>
8 September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Joyce family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that no further representations to be made at that point.</li> </ul>
12 September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Lee family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that no further representations to be made at that point.</li> </ul>
27 September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing (witness present).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce lawyer submitted additional list of witnesses to court. Presiding judge considering the witness list.</li> </ul>
30 October 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing postponed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge sick leave.</li> </ul>
27 November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence information not submitted.</li> </ul>
6 December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Lee family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed no representations at this point.</li> </ul>
18 December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided the judge with written statements from witnesses in Australian case. Request time to translate and have accepted to evidence.</li> </ul>
11 January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce advises that information in Australian case will be accepted in UAE.</li> </ul>	
29 January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence presented transcript of evidence from Victorian Supreme Court (in translation).</li> </ul>
9 February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Mr Joyce.</li> </ul>	
13 February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Mr Lee.</li> </ul>	
13 February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets Mohammed Al</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised case: length of four</li> </ul>

	Shaibani, Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court.	years, onerous bail conditions.
21 February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former FM Rudd raises case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	
26 February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court hearing.</li> </ul>	
14 March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court</li> </ul>	
27 March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court hearing.</li> </ul>	
8 April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court</li> </ul>	
12 April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defence Minister Smith raises case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	
15 April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge announced that next hearing would be the last and defence lawyers submitted their cases.</li> </ul>
24 April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Governor-General raises case with Prime Minister of UAE.</li> </ul>	
14 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets separately with Mr Joyce and Mr Lee.</li> </ul>	
22 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior DFAT consular official speaks with Joyce's lawyer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunland decision will be handed down on 8 June.</li> </ul>
8 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victorian Supreme Court hearing and ruling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge advised that Sunland's case failed in all respects, will be dismissed and a copy of his reasons will be forwarded to ASIC.</li> </ul>
10 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE writes to the Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court conveying the full text of Victorian Supreme court judgement.</li> </ul>	
11 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises case with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.</li> </ul>	
13 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senator Carr raises the matter with the UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drew attention to the Victorian Supreme Court outcome and sought time for this to be considered.</li> </ul>
15 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister writes to the Ruler of Dubai, drawing attention to the outcome of the</li> </ul>	

	civil case in the Victorian Supreme Court case.	
19 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Embassy in Abu Dhabi contacts DPP, they advised next court hearing date 15 July 2012.</li> </ul>	
11 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Carr writes to his UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdullah, drawing attention to the document provided to Mr Lee by Sunland.</li> </ul>	
15 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge advised no decision has been made and referred case back to DPP.</li> </ul>
18 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewed charges laid by the Dubai Public Prosecutor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charges appear to be almost identical to the previous ones, with more detail elaborated on some issues.</li> </ul>
31 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Carr raises the case with his UAE counterpart, asking that the matter be handled expeditiously following the renewal of charges.</li> </ul>	
13 September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court.</li> </ul>	
14 September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victorian Supreme Court costs judgment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge found against Sunland on the matter of costs and made further critical remarks on Sunland's actions.</li> </ul>
20 September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing – new trial commences and new judges appointed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Joyce's lawyer, Mr Al Shaali, brought the findings of the Victorian Supreme Court in the Sunland case to the attention of the judge.</li> </ul>
2 October 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE and Consul-General Dubai meets with Dubai Public Prosecution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drew attention to ongoing concerns about length of the case.</li> </ul>
18 October 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of judge.</li> </ul>
4 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE calls on Undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abu Dhabi.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed developments in the case.</li> </ul>
12 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce's lawyer Mr Al Shaali requested an expert be appointed to prepare a new report on the case.</li> </ul>

14 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport raises the case with Chairman of the Emirates Group (uncle of the Ruler of Dubai.)</li> </ul>	
21 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Carr meets with Australia Gulf Council representatives.</li> </ul>	
22 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFAT calls in UAE Ambassador to Australia to discuss the case.</li> </ul>	
26 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge declared a 'referral to experts'. Next hearing scheduled for 28 January 2013.</li> </ul>
27 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with the Australian Gulf Council.</li> </ul>	
27 November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	
19 December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court.</li> </ul>	
20 December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Minister for Infrastructure and Transport writes to Chairman of the Emirates Group.</li> </ul>	
3 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Carr meets with Lee's lawyer, John Sneddon.</li> </ul>	
8 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises the case with Chairman of the Emirates Group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE delivered letter from the Minister of Infrastructure and Transport.</li> </ul>
15 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs raises case with UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.</li> </ul>	
15 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs meets with Joyce and Lee in Abu Dhabi.</li> </ul>	
28 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing.</li> </ul>	
31 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE meets with Director General of the Dubai Ruler's Court</li> </ul>	
5 February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Minister raises the case in a phone call with the Prime Minister of the UAE.</li> </ul>	
7 February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing held</li> </ul>	<p>Court appointed expert told the judge he had not completed his</p>

		report.
7 February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises the case with Minister of State</li> </ul>	
18 February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing scheduled.</li> </ul>	Expert report not ready.
25 February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Australian consular officials raises the case with UAE officials at bilateral consular talks.</li> </ul>	
28 February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing. Court returns Ms Higgins passport.</li> </ul>	Expert report not ready.
4 March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing. Julie Lee applies for return of her passport on 3 March.</li> </ul>	Expert report not ready
14 March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing</li> </ul>	Expert report not ready
17 March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Carr raises the case with UAE Foreign Minister</li> </ul>	
21 March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing</li> </ul>	Expert report not ready
21 March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises the case with UAE Minister of the Economy</li> </ul>	
2 April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises the case with Dubai Attorney General</li> </ul>	
11 April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing</li> </ul>	Expert report not ready. Case adjourned.
15 April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing</li> </ul>	Expert submitted his report.
17 April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises case with Chairman of Emirates Group</li> </ul>	
29 April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court hearing</li> </ul>	Defence responded to expert report
9 May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Ambassador to the UAE raises case with UAE Justice Minister</li> </ul>	
19 May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator Carr makes representations to FM Abdullah</li> </ul>	
20 May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge finds Joyce and Reed guilty, Lee and Brearley acquitted.</li> <li>• Senator Carr raises the sentence with UAE Foreign Minister, and urges expeditious handling of the appeal process.</li> </ul>	Joyce and Reed sentenced to 10 years prison plus financial penalties.
22 May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce's legal team lodges appeal.</li> </ul>	
2 June 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence Minister raises case with UAE Foreign Minister.</li> </ul>	

3 June 2013

- Office of Dubai Public Prosecution launches appeal against the verdict in respect of all four defendants.