

BETWEEN:

**GEORGE ELIAS (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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>AB reference</b>
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.	

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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 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).	
31 March 2006 – 5 June 2007	Dates of offending contained in count 1 as alleged against Elias.	
5 June 2007	Mokbel arrested in Greece.	
6 June 2007	Elias arrested and placed in custody.	
18 March 2008	Supreme Court of Greece orders extradition.	
16 May 2008	Mokbel surrendered to Australian Federal Police and extradited.	
4 October 2010	Elias arraigned and pleaded guilty to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one count of attempting to pervert the course of justice (Common law) (Count 1);</li> <li>• one count of trafficking in a large commercial quantity of methylamphetamine (s 71 of the <i>Drugs, Poisons &amp; Controlled Substances Act</i> 1981 (Vic)) (Count 2);</li> <li>• one count of knowingly dealing with proceeds of crime (s 194(2) of the <i>Crimes Act</i> 1958 (Vic)) (Count 3);</li> <li>• one count of possession of cannabis (s 73 of the <i>Drugs, Poisons &amp; Controlled Substances Act</i> 1981 (Vic)) (Count 4);</li> <li>• three counts of possessing an unregistered category A longarm firearm (s 6A(1) of the <i>Firearms Act</i></li> </ul>	

	1996 (Vic) (Counts 5, 6 & 7).	
21-23, 27-30 June 2011 and 26 August 2011	Elias plea hearing conducted.	
5 September 2011	<p>Elias sentenced to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 years on count 1,</li> <li>• 7 years on count 2,</li> <li>• 2 years on count 3,</li> <li>• 1 month on count 4; and</li> <li>• 7 days on counts 5, 6 and 7.</li> </ul> <p>Count 1 was the base sentence; 3 years on count 2 were cumulative on count 1. Other sentences were concurrent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total effective sentence of 11 years with a non-parole period of 8 years.</li> <li>• 1,552 days of pre-sentence detention declared.</li> </ul> <p><i>The Queen v Elias</i> [2011] VSC 423.</p>	
19 and 20 March 2012	Court of Appeal (Warren CJ, Redlich, Hansen and Osborne JJA and Curtain AJA) hears appellant's appeal against sentence.	
30 July 2012	Court of Appeal refuses appellant's appeal against sentence ( <i>Pantazis 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>Pantazis v The Queen</i> [2013] HCA Trans 51).	

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