

Statement from Jason Morrison, Sydney News Director, 7NEWS:

“We had three very reliable and informed sources telling us the basis for the deal was done [on Monday] and the detail was being resolved and practical arrangements had started.

“Each source said they had no doubt about the ultimate outcome, that Sydney would be hosting the event.

“The strength of that information didn’t change from those sources, despite claims across the week that the information was wrong.

“There were different turns on the story over that week and we reported on those, in addition to our original story which we stood by.”