

Question Taken on Notice by Unions NSW, 18 November 2019 – Inquiry into the Administration of the 2019 NSW State Election

Question:

Ms FELICITY WILSON: Can you also tell me how often any of your unions or affiliated members lend money to the Australian Labor Party? What benchmark you set for the interest rate that you would apply if you lend money to the Australian Labor Party?

Mr MOREY: I do not think any organisations here under the current leadership lent money to the Australian Labor Party.

Ms FELICITY WILSON: Is that applicable across all—

Mr WRIGHT: For the record, we have not lent any money to the ALP or any other political party.

Mr HOLMES: For the record, the NSW Nurses & Midwives' Association is not affiliated to any political party and our donation is as per the declaration and under the cap. It mainly pertains to our delegates attending fundraising dinners and there have been no loans.

Ms FELICITY WILSON: Mr Morey, you are speaking on behalf of all the members of Unions NSW in saying that no loans have been made?

Mr MOREY: I am talking about my administration and the control I have over the organisation.

Ms FELICITY WILSON: Do you have any oversight over whether any of the other unions within your umbrella have made such loans?

Mr MOREY: I would have to go and ask them.

Ms FELICITY WILSON: Maybe you can take that on notice?

Mr MOREY: Sure.

Ms FELICITY WILSON: When you do take that question on notice could you seek from them the benchmark that they use to set an interest rate, if they are giving loans to the Australian Labor Party?

Answer from Unions NSW

Do you have any oversight over whether any of the other unions within your umbrella have made such loans?

No we do not have any oversight of this kind.

When you do take that question on notice could you seek from them the benchmark that they use to set an interest rate, if they are giving loans to the Australian Labor Party?

We do not have any knowledge regarding the loaning of money from other unions to the ALP and for that reason we do not know whether any loans have been made or not and therefore also have no knowledge of a benchmark regarding an interest rate.