

## **SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES**

**Ms Ashvini Ambihaipahar, 2023 Labor Candidate, Oatley**

**1. What were the words or what kind of language was used to explain or describe to you the opportunity to distribute \$400,000 in project funding across your electorate?**

To the best of my recollection, I was to make recommendations of local organisations that may be in need of funding for proposed small projects. I was not able or in a position to authorise the distribution of funding.

**2. When were you notified that you could distribute \$400,000 in project funding across your electorate?**

Please refer to response to question 1. Please refer to my evidence at the hearing on 24 March 2025.

**3. How were you notified that you could distribute \$400,000 in project funding across your electorate?**

Please refer to response to question 1. Please refer to my evidence at the hearing on 24 March 2025.

**4. Who notified you that you could distribute \$400,000 in project funding across your electorate?**

Please refer to response to question 1. Please refer to my evidence at the hearing on 24 March 2025.

**5. It would be a correct understanding of the timeline to state your campaign manager “reached out to [a coordinator from Asian Women at Work] about potentially having phone-banking support volunteers” in January of 2023. Then, “They did some phonebanking”. Then “sometime closer to the election date... [you] had a conversation with [your] campaign team around providing some money to support with resourcing and finding a home for [Asian Women at Work]”?**

**i. Are you confident your decision-making process with respect to the grant funding was impartial and entirely merit-based?**

Please refer to response to question 1. Please refer to my evidence at the hearing on 24 March 2025.

**6. Are you still in contact with Asian Women at Work?**

No

**7. Who was your campaign manager for the 2023 NSW election?**

India Jones

**8. Have you ever communicated with Chris Minns about the LSCA program?**

**a. If yes, what was communicated?**

No

**9. Have you ever communicated with Chris Minns about Asian Women at Work?**

**a. If yes, what was communicated?**

No

**10. Did you communicate with Chris Minns when preparing to appear for this inquiry?**

**a. If yes, what was communicated?**

No

**11. In relation to your evidence, you mention “Phone banking”; what is “phone banking”?**

Calling people/voters and have a meaningful conversation for the campaign.

**12. In relation to your conflict-of-interest declaration concerning Asian Women at Work, who contacted you to make the declaration?**

**a. What was the date of their contact?**

On or around 1 November 2023. Alison Morgan. I was to complete a conflict-of-interest declaration for all the Oatley projects.

**13. Were you required to complete a conflict-of-interest declaration prior to the State election concerning each of the projects you were nominating on Labor’s behalf?**

Please refer to my evidence at the hearing on 24 March 2025.

**14. Were you required to complete a conflict-of-interest declaration after the State election concerning each of the projects you were nominating on Labor’s behalf?**

Yes. Refer to question 12 above.

**15. What was the process and how was the program administered leading up to election day in March of 2023?**

I do not recall.

**16. Who was your contact to liaise with in Labor’s head office regarding the program?**

I do not recall.

**17. Who was your contact in the Leader of the Opposition’s office to liaise with regarding the program prior to the March 2023 election?**

I do not know.