

Public Accountability and Works Committee
Inquiry into the Integrity, efficacy, and value for money of the Local Small Commitments
Allocation process

Answers to Questions Taken on Notice

Question (Transcript, pp4-5)

The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: Mr Ofner, perhaps you could take on notice—and I appreciate what you said, Mr Nanva, about it being a busy time—whether there are any records of who communicated from the parliamentary team into headquarters at that campaign level? If you could provide that back on notice, that would be great. I just want to move now to conflicts of interest in the declaration process in relation to that pre the election. We understand post-election there's been work done, and we'll ask Minister Graham about that. But we did ask a couple of the Labor candidates who appeared before the Committee on Monday about whether there was a conflict of interest process. My recollection is that one of the candidates said that there was through Labor. The other three said that there was not. And we also were told by Kate Meagher at an estimates hearing that pre-election conflicts were managed by the Labor Party. We asked and she said, "That's right That's correct " Did you have a pre-election process for those candidates by the Labor Party that was managed through your head office?

The Hon. BOB NANVA Part of the process that was communicated through our bulletins to the candidates was the nomination form as I've already explained. The nomination form had a declaration of conflict -

The Hon SARAH MITCHELL: For specific projects?

The Hon. BOB NANVA: As you nominate your projects, there is a conflict of interest declaration as part of the nomination form.

The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: But that nomination form was sent back to the leader's office or the parliamentary party?

The Hon BOB NANVA: to the Parliamentary party and -

The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: To the leader's office, though? I'm your candidate in X seat and I fill that form out. Where do I then send it back to?

The Hon. BOB NANVA: I would have to take that on notice, Mrs Mitchell. I genuinely don't know the back end.

Answer

I am unable to expand on the answer provided. I do not have any further information or records in my possession, and I am no longer able to access NSW Labor systems.

Question (Transcript p7)

The CHAIR: Understood. So that outgoing communication —the one or two bulletins that were being sent from head office to the all of the candidates and their campaign teams – you said there was at least one communication that explained that people had to fill out a nomination form et cetera. To your knowledge, was a nomination form a mandatory aspect of the allocation? Did people have to o put in a nomination form in order for this to have been recorded as one of the pre-election allocations?

The Hon. BOB NANVA: I believe it was. There needed to be a means of communication to the candidates—to the parliamentary party—to assess and approve it, so I imagine it would have been.

The CHAIR: So you would imagine, then, that somewhere—if things have operated as you would anticipate that they have—there would be a folder of nomination forms. That would be a good way to crosscheck this mysterious list against.

The Hon. BOB NANVA: Perhaps, Ms Boyd, but I didn't have visibility of the back end of the process. I just genuinely don't know the answer to that.

The CHAIR: On the nomination form, to your recollection, did it state the contact details of who the money was being given to or was proposed to be given to?

The Hon. BOB NANVA: I can't recall. I'm happy to take that on notice to see what record I've got. I'll take that on notice

THE CHAIR: If you could provide on notice a copy of what the form looked like, that would be really useful.

Answer

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