



RICK WILSON MP

Federal Member for O'Connor

Questions on notice to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

1. When was DAFF first made aware of payments made by Animals Australia to Mr Fazal Ullah, in return for procuring footage of animal suffering?
2. How was DAFF first made aware of the payments referred to in 1 above?
3. What action did DAFF take after being made aware of the payments referred to in 1 above?
4. Did DAFF initiate an investigation in relation to the payments referred to in 1 above?
5. Did DAFF make contact with Mr Fazal Ullah?
6. Were efforts to contact Mr Fazal Ullah successful?
7. Was a Statutory Declaration or a Statement otherwise obtained from Mr Fazal Ullah?
8. Can DAFF please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and Mr Fazal Ullah?
9. Did DAFF seek legal opinion (in house or external) regarding the payments referred to in 1 above? If so, is DAFF prepared to provide a copy of that opinion to the Committee?
10. Did DAFF initiate an investigation in relation to the payments referred to in 1 with a view to assessing if those payments amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
11. What actions did DAFF take in relation to that investigation?
12. When were those investigations finalised and on what basis?
13. Did DAFF communicate with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on this issue? If so, what was the nature and content of those communications?
14. Please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and the AFP on this issue.
15. Did DAFF prepare a brief of evidence for the AFP in relation to the payments referred to in 1 above? If so, on what date was that brief provided to the AFP? If not, why not?
16. Did DAFF communicate with the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) regarding the payments referred to in 1 above? If not, why not?
17. Did the CDPP provide DAFF with legal opinion regarding the payments referred to in 1 above? If so, is DAFF prepared to provide a copy of that opinion to the Committee?
18. Please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and the CDPP on this issue.
19. Did DAFF prepare a brief of evidence for the CDPP in relation to the payments referred to in 1 above? If so, on what date was that brief provided to the CDPP? If not, why not?
20. Did DAFF seek the advice of the AFP or CDPP on whether the payments referred to in 1 amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
21. Did DAFF assess whether the payments referred to in 1 above amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
22. When was DAFF first made aware of payments made by Animals Australia to Mr Mahmood Raza Mazher, in return for procuring footage of animal suffering?
23. How was DAFF first made aware of the payments referred to in 22 above?
24. What action did DAFF take after being made aware of the payments referred to in 22 above?

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25. Did DAFF initiate an investigation in relation to the payments referred to in 22 above?
26. Did DAFF make contact with Mr Mahmood Raza Mazher?
27. Were efforts to contact Mr Mahmood Raza Mazher successful?
28. Was a Statutory Declaration or a Statement otherwise obtained from Mr Mahmood Raza Mazher?
29. Can DAFF please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and Mr Mahmood Raza Mazher?
30. Did DAFF seek legal opinion (in house or external) regarding the payments referred to in 22 above? If so, is DAFF prepared to provide a copy of that opinion to the Committee?
31. Did DAFF initiate an investigation in relation to the payments referred to in 22 with a view to assessing if those payments amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
32. What actions did DAFF take in relation to that investigation?
33. When were those investigations finalised and on what basis?
34. Did DAFF communicate with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on this issue? If so, what was the nature and content of those communications?
35. Please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and the AFP on this issue.
36. Did DAFF prepare a brief of evidence for the AFP in relation to the payments referred to in 22 above? If so, on what date was that brief provided to the AFP? If not, why not?
37. Did DAFF communicate with the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) regarding the payments referred to in 22 above? If not, why not?
38. Did the CDPP provide DAFF with legal opinion regarding the payments referred to in 22 above? If so, is DAFF prepared to provide a copy of that opinion to the Committee?
39. Please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and the CDPP on this issue.
40. Did DAFF prepare a brief of evidence for the CDPP in relation to the payments referred to in 22 above? If so, on what date was that brief provided to the CDPP? If not, why not?
41. Did DAFF assess whether the payments referred to in 22 above amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
42. Did DAFF seek the advice of the AFP or CDPP on whether the payments referred to in 22 amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
43. Did DAFF initiate an investigation in relation to the payments referred to in 22 with a view to assessing if those payments amounted to the commission of a criminal offence?
44. What actions did DAFF take in relation to that investigation?
45. When were those investigations finalised and on what basis?
46. What communications did DAFF have with Animals Australia in relation to the payments referred to in 1 and 22 above? Please provide any and all communications and materials passing between DAFF and Animals Australia in relation to the payments referred to in 1 and 22 above.
47. Did DAFF make any undertakings or provide any inducements to Lynlee Vanessa White or Animals Australia or both in relation to Lynlee Vanessa White's or Animals Australia's

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participation in any investigations being undertaken by DAFF or at the request of DAFF in relation to the payments referred to in 1 and 22 above?

48. Did DAFF provide Lynlee Vanessa White and or Animals Australia indemnity from prosecution in return for participation in any investigations being undertaken by DAFF or at the request of DAFF in relation to the payments referred to in 1 and 22 above?
49. Was DAFF provided with the Statutory Declaration of Lynlee Vanessa White dated 5 February 2019? If so, when was that Statutory Declaration provided?
50. On what basis was the Statutory Declaration of Lynlee Vanessa White dated 5 February 2019 provided to DAFF?
51. What actions did DAFF undertake to assess the veracity of the assertions made within the Statutory Declaration of Lynlee Vanessa White dated 5 February 2019?
52. Did DAFF seek to obtain from Lynlee Vanessa White or Animals Australia or both the various documents referred to in that Statutory Declaration but not exhibited thereto? If not, why not?

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