

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERANNUATION SECTOR

NULIS

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In reference to the original publication of the article “CEOs push Andrews to reopen faster” in the *Australian Financial Review* on 20 October 2020 (see attachment) which states:

Meanwhile, restaurateur Chris Lucas, pub owner and former AFL player Paul Dimattina and CSL chairman Brian McNamee all spoke of repercussions from elements of the labour movement for criticising the state government over the failures which led to the crisis and the subsequent slow pace of reopening the economy. **Union-aligned industry superannuation fund managers have pressured Dr McNamee to stop his outspoken criticisms of the state government lockdown**, even though he has repeatedly said he is speaking in a personal capacity and not for the company.

In the context of confronting, bullying or intimidatory workplace cultures, please advise:

(a) has the Chair of your fund been in contact through any medium with Dr McNamee or his office since 5 August 2020, and if so please advise the name of the person who made contact and the nature of any communications.

(b) have board members of your fund been in contact through any medium with Dr McNamee or his office since 5 August 2020, and if so please advise the name(s) of the person(s) who made contact and the nature of any communications.

(c) has the CEO of your fund been in contact through any medium with Dr McNamee or his office since 5 August 2020, and if so please advise the name of the person who made contact and the nature of any communications.

(d) have senior executives of your fund been in contact through any medium with Dr McNamee or his office since 5 August, and if so please advise the name(s) of the person(s) who made contact and the nature of any communications.

Answer:

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None of the individuals mentioned in your question has had contact with Dr McNamee.