

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

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Dear Senator Sheldon,

**Statement from Mr Wayne McLean, President, United Firefighters Union Queensland.**

In relation to allegations made by Senator Michaelia Cash against Mr John Oliver in Senate Estimates today, I would like to make the following statement:

In September 2019, I resigned from the United Firefighters Union Australia (UFUA) and so did all of the UFUA Qld Branch Officials, including Mr Oliver.

Those officials and I remained officials of the United Firefighters Union Queensland (UFUQ).

A Court appointed Administrator took control to reconstitute the UFUA Qld Branch and the Qld Officials and the UFUQ no longer had any connection with the UFUA.

The Administrator asked the Union about previous credit card expenditure relating to the UFUA Branch. Those expenses were explained, and it was confirmed that they were all within the Union's policy.

The Administrator did not take the matter further.

The UFUQ through its solicitors have, since the resignations, been in regular communication with the ROC. The UFUQ has, to the extent it was requested to assist the ROC in dealing with issues relating to the UFUA, voluntarily done so. It will continue to do so.

The union has not been informed of any investigation having been commenced into these matters by the ROC.

If Senator Cash had any integrity, she would make the same statements she made in estimates today outside parliament, where she is not protected by parliamentary privilege.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wayne McLean  
President  
UFUQ