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Question on Notice

Has the Public Service Commissioner received complaints or appeals, either formal or informal, from members of the Public Service who have expressed concerns that the perception of APS impartiality might be damaged as a result of the affiliation? Has the Public Service Commissioner received any complaints or appeals, either formal or informal, in relation to the internal tensions in the Australian Public Service that have been driven by the affiliation?

Answer

The Public Service Commissioner has not been able to identify any complaints either formal or informal from members of the Australian Public Service expressing concerns that the perception of APS impartiality may be damaged as a result of reported moves by the Community and Public Sector Union to affiliate with the ACT branch of the Australian Labor Party. Nor have any complaints, either formal or informal, been received in relation to any internal tensions in the Australian Public Service as a result of the affiliation.

Similarly, the Merit Protection Commissioner has not received any applications for review, or been able to identify any complaints, either formal or informal, about the same matters.