



DFWA RESPONDS TO SENATOR SHERRY

Contrary to what Senator Sherry told The Australian (25 February 2010) in response to our Press Release of 24 February 2010 and Senator Fielding's Question in the Senate yesterday, the DFWA is NOT attacking the Senator's integrity suggesting so is an attempt to gloss over our core issues.

We simply ask for answers to the fundamental questions which remain unanswered.

We seek an explanation of how Mr Trevor Matthews and his team was selected and visibility of the nature of the associations between them that existed prior to, and during the Review process including the consideration of its recommendations by the Government. And of course we are intrigued as to how Mr Matthews was able to be intimately involved in its detail when his commitments were clearly elsewhere!

Mr Matthews in a quote from the Review Report, states:

"Further, I acknowledge and thank the following people who assisted me greatly in the research, preparation and writing of my report: David Harris, an Australian and the Managing Director of TOR Financial Consulting Limited (TOR), an international pensions expert and formerly a regulator with the Insurance and Superannuation Commission in Canberra and Sue Jones, Executive Director with TOR....."

While noting Senator Sherry's repeated declaration that Mr Matthews completed the Review for no fee, Association President David Jamison asks Senator Sherry to clarify the financial and operational aspects of the Review Team's activities by simply answering to following two questions:

What public monies were expended in relation to the Review, for what purpose, on what date, under whose authority, by what delegation - specifically in respect of Mr Trevor Matthews, TOR Financial Consultancy, Mr David Harris, Ms Sue Jones and any other Non-APS Departmental Staff?

And

On 30 July 2008, some 5 days after holding hearings Mr Matthews commenced employment as the Chief Executive Officer of Friends Provident UK, among the biggest pension and insurance companies in the UK. To what degree having just taken up his position as CEO of such a major company, could Mr Matthews have been involved in the research, deliberations and writing of a report on such a complex issue?

63,000 ADF military superannuants and the ADF contributing members, eagerly await answers to these questions.

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