

The below declaration was submitted to Senator Sheldon's email account on November 12

Declaration in regard to any financial associations with the tobacco , vaping and nicotine industries.

I have never sought nor obtained any financial reward or assistance from any tobacco company, nor from any vaping company. From around 1996 to 2002 I was involved in two projects funded by manufacturers of nicotine replacement products: one for a Committee chaired by the late Prof Chris Silagy as to the effectiveness of nicotine replacement products. This group were subsequently commissioned independently by the National Tobacco Campaign to provide another report on the same topic. The second a funding source set up by GlaxoSmithKline (as they were then) led, I think, by Prof Simon Chapman called the Smoking Cessation Consortium. I received some funds from this for two projects. Since then I have received no financial aid, direct or indirect, from any commercial entity associated in any way with any of the specified industries.

Ron Borland

12 November 2020

Subsequent to giving my evidence, Senator Sheldon asked me if I could provide financial details. I am sorry I cannot. I didn't record anything on my CV. As I remember, there was no payment for the first but some travel costs were covered. For the second there were no payments, but again some travel costs. I was involved in 2 projects that received funds, one to the University of Sydney led by Prof Simon Chapman, and a second led by me to collect some data, but I can't recall if the payment went direct to the survey firm or was routed through my then employer (Cancer Council Victoria).

Hello,

I have just seen the reply by Prof Ron Borland to a question on notice from Senator Sheldon. pdf
Ron writes that:

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[Response #87]

In my reply to a question from Senator Hughes on the same matter I wrote: “Between 2000-2001 –19-20 years ago. I was a member of Australian Smoking Cessation Research Consortium (R Borland, S Chapman, K Jamrozik, L Roberts, C Silagy). Funding was provided by GlaxoSmithKline to pay for a national survey of smokers and ex-smokers. This resulted in: Oakes W, Chapman S, Balmford J, Borland R, Trotter L. “Bulletproof skeptics in life’s jungle”: which self-exempting beliefs about smoking most predict

lack of intention to quit? Prev Med 2004;39:776–82. No funding was made to me nor my university for this. GSK directly paid the survey company's costs. Other than the above, I have never received any direct or indirect support for any purpose from any pharmaceutical company or agents or third parties acting on their behalf." [Response #43]

I hereby reaffirm that no money from GSK was paid to my University nor me, but directly to the survey company who did the fieldwork for the study. I recall only two meetings of the group: one at a room at Tullamarine airport and another at Sydney airport. GSK would have paid directly for my air ticket to Melbourne and perhaps my parking at Sydney (I don't recall the latter).

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