

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO TRADE UNION GOVERNANCE AND CORRUPTION

Public Hearing Pentridge Village/Andrew Zaf

(Day 3)

Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

On Thursday, 18 September 2014 at 9.30am

Before the Commissioner: The Hon. John Dyson Heydon AC QC

Counsel Assisting: Mr Jeremy Stoljar SC

Instructed by: Minter Ellison, Solicitors

1 motorcycle gangs with extortion, but I don't know whether 02:25
2 they're actually union officials. 02:25
3 02:25
4 Q. You said earlier that there were union officials who 02:25
5 were members of outlaw motorcycle gangs? 02:25
6 A. Yes. 02:25
7 02:25
8 Q. Who are they? 02:25
9 A. From my knowledge, Norm Meyer. 02:25
10 02:25
11 Q. Is that it? 02:25
12 A. Probably one that I know of, yes. 02:25
13 02:25
14 Q. You used the plural, you said "union officials", are 02:25
15 you saying that there is one? 02:25
16 A. There may be more, I don't know. I'm just giving you 02:25
17 an example of one in the State. 02:25
18 02:25
19 Q. In terms of what you do know, I can't ask you about 02:26
20 what you don't know. It was your evidence that there was 02:26
21 union officials plural? 02:26
22 A. Yes. 02:26
23 02:26
24 Q. That's not right, is it? 02:26
25 A. It might be "union official". 02:26
26 02:26
27 Q. "A" union official to your knowledge? 02:26
28 A. To my knowledge, yes. 02:26
29 02:26
30 Q. What is your knowledge that Mr Meyer is a union 02:26
31 official as opposed to a union member? 02:26
32 A. My knowledge is, he holds a position within the union. 02:26
33 02:26
34 Q. What position? 02:26
35 A. I'd have to go back and have a look at that, I can't 02:26
36 recall, but certainly that's the advice I've been given in 02:26
37 relation to him. 02:26
38 02:26
39 Q. Who gave you that advice? 02:26
40 A. My people. 02:26
41 02:26
42 Q. Who are your people? 02:26
43 A. From the intel area. 02:26
44 02:26
45 Q. The police intelligence is that Mr Meyer is a union 02:26
46 official? 02:26
47 A. I believe so, yes. 02:26

1 02:26
2 Q. Would it surprise you to know that Mr Meyer is a 02:26
3 member of the union but is not a union official? 02:26
4 A. If that's the case, I'll acknowledge that. 02:27
5 02:27
6 Q. Would it surprise you to know that he has not paid any 02:27
7 union dues in relation to his membership since October 02:27
8 2012? 02:27
9 A. I don't know what his status is in terms of payments. 02:27
10 02:27
11 Q. In your written statement you do not describe Mr Meyer 02:27
12 as a union official. Paragraph 48 is the place in your 02:27
13 statement where you mention the CFMEU. 02:27
14 A. Sorry, you're right. 02:27
15 02:27
16 Q. You see, there's a publicised association? 02:27
17 A. Yes, publicised association. 02:27
18 02:27
19 Q. Of the Comanchero, sergeant-at-arms Norman Meyer? 02:27
20 A. Yes. 02:28
21 02:28
22 Q. But in your oral evidence you've described him as a 02:28
23 union official? 02:28
24 A. I've got that wrong, I apologise. 02:28
25 02:28
26 Q. So there's no intelligence or evidence that any union 02:28
27 officials of the CFMEU are members of an outlaw motorcycle 02:28
28 gang? 02:28
29 A. Not to my knowledge. 02:28
30 02:28
31 Q. Thank you. Just while we're dealing with 02:28
32 paragraph 48, the publicised association, does that concern 02:28
33 a photograph of Mr Meyer at a public meeting that was 02:28
34 attended by other members of the union? 02:28
35 A. Yes, that's one of them, yes. 02:28
36 02:28
37 Q. Is there any other, any other material relating to 02:28
38 publicised association? 02:29
39 A. I think that's the main one I'm referring to in this 02:29
40 particular example, yes. 02:29
41 02:29
42 Q. Is that the only one you're referring to? 02:29
43 A. It's the only one that I've been advised of, yes. 02:29
44 02:29
45 Q. To your knowledge it's the only one that exists? 02:29
46 A. That publicised association, yes. 02:29
47 02:29