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Senator: Faulkner

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Question:

Senator FAULKNER: Are you talking to New South Wales electoral authorities, the New South Wales Electoral Commission, about these matters or is that really a matter for the future?

Mr Rogers: I stand to be corrected, but I think we may have actually either spoken to or been provided some information from them. Rather than say something that may not be true, I will take that on notice, but we are alert to the fact that we could get some assistance from other parties in this matter as well.

Answer:

The AEC discusses issues or concerns about financial disclosures with other electoral authorities, including the NSW Election Funding Authority (NSW EFA). However, while the ICAC inquiry is on foot, the NSW EFA, as with all other parties involved in ICAC investigations and hearings, I am advised, are not at liberty to discuss specific matters in relation to the Inquiry with the AEC.