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Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: I will start again. Minister Cash has claimed that the CFMEU had done—and I am quoting from Minister Cash—'a deal to hand senior leadership positions' to Messrs Parker and Greenfield. So my question is: does the AEC have any evidence that would point to a deal, considering you ran the election?

Mr Rogers: I have no evidence before me, and, if you are talking about an issue that may have occurred outside of the election itself but rather in terms of the preparation for an election, by a particular group within a union, I have no evidence before me of that.

Mr Pirani: ... But I am not aware of any specific irregularity that occurred in relation to an election that we have done under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act. But we will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Australian Electoral Commission conducted the election for offices in the CFMEU Construction and General Division, NSW Branch and has no information in relation to the matter referred to in this question.