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

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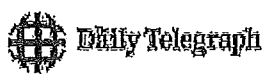
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Hi Patrick,

**Please attribute to a spokesperson for the Families and Community and Services Minister Jenny Macklin**

The Government has been clear that we want all clubs in the ACT to participate in the trial. All clubs in the ACT will be offered the same financial assistance.

The offer makes it clear that no club can use trial funding for political donations.

Clubs will have to account for the money they receive and this will be subject to an independent financial audit.

#### Background

Many clubs in the ACT donate to ACT branches of political parties - to both the Labor and Liberal parties.

There is currently legislation before the ACT Legislative Assembly to limit political donations, including from clubs, to \$7,000 a year.

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Hi Kate,

I never got a response to my questions yesterday so the minister didn't get any comments in. Let's try again.

QUESTIONS FOR MINISTER

Can you explain how money given to the Canberra Labor Club is not a conflict of interest and could not be used for donations to the ALP as occurs?

When you say the trial deals will make them commit to not donating, how does that work? Surely if I run a business and the government gives me, say, a \$1 million payment and I agree not to donate it to a political party I can just donate \$500K in my other cash account when all the money goes into together in my bank account.

Does the government expect all clubs to participate? How many would be needed to participate to make the trial worthwhile?




Did the minister tell clubs act that the participation fees would not be reduced under the reviews as Jeff House said today in our paper?

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