

kjjcm Resolutions from Branch and Area Council meetings

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Tim Arnot



Dear Tim

**RE: Resolutions from Branch and Area Council meetings**

Thank you for your response.

I can confirm that no request has been made for an investigation under Rule 3.3 of the QTU Constitution and Rules, but rather a number of resolutions from branch and area councils requesting an investigation occur.

Despite your assertions to the contrary, resolutions are only considered by Executive if they are in the correct form ie signed with arguments attached. Consequently, I am required to comply with the decisions of Executive and undertake the investigation. I note your request for the names of the movers and seconders of the resolutions.

These motions were carried at the relevant meetings, who moved and seconded the resolutions is not relevant. You have identified you have copies of the relevant resolutions.

In relation to committee time being confidential, it is clear that what is discussed in committee is not minuted or recorded. This allows members to speak and ask questions without requiring a debate. Consequently, discussions in committee are kept confidential.

I also note your concerns regarding assurance of an impartial investigation. It is my role and responsibility to work with all members. I take this obligation seriously and as such I have not drawn any conclusions pending your respond to the allegations.

Examples of the misleading statements in your communications provided by members include:

"Our leadership argued hard, and council voted against a rally". No Senior Officers of the Union entered this debate.

"State Council wasn't representative of members". This questions the integrity of Council Representatives and their representation of the views of the members in the relevant branch or area council.

"They don't want to put any clear demands or pressure on Labor ahead of an election". This is both inaccurate and misleading given the decisions of this council in relation to the state election asks and campaign.

In relation to the determination of observer status, this rests with the General Secretary. I make decisions about the number of observers based on room capacity as well as the budgetary constraints of council. Once I close off observers, I do not support a further waitlist as I advise Senior Officers that no further observers will be approved. To go to a first in best served approach would be to undermine the capacity to support the development of activists. I believe that cutting off based on number and state council budgetary requirements is to treat members equitably.

Thank you for your provisional response to my letter. I will provide it to Executive for their consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. J. Ruttiman".

Kate Ruttiman  
**General Secretary**