

Questions for David Gonski - 21 August 2025

1. Regarding your position as Chair of the Organising Committee for the Combat Antisemitism Summit:

- a) Can you inform me how many Mayors and other Councillors have registered for the Conference, and how many Australian Councils are involved? If not, can you provide me with a contact who can provide this information?
 - b) Although local government codes of conduct vary around Australia, all would seem to require careful consideration of any expenses-paid offers of the sort sent out in letters to hundreds of Councillors by CAM. Did you alert the CAM CEO that this could potentially involve code of conduct breaches in Australia? Since the offers went out, have CAM organisers alerted you or discussed with you concerns raised with them about the expenses-paid offer? If so, what was your response?
 - c) The information provided in the letters does not make it clear which sponsor or partner is covering costs, which would make it difficult for Councillors to assess conflict-of-interest issues. Is that a concern for you? Did you provide advice to the organisers on these issues?
 - d) Who is responsible for handling the finances for the conference? Can you provide details of the responsible person or persons?
 - e) It has been suggested that because the key individual recruiting for the conference is CAM's CEO, who is based in Tel Aviv, and the Summit has clear political and public policy goals related to Israel, that it could be eligible for registration on the Foreign Influence Transparency Register. Do you agree or disagree? What are your reasons? Have you provided advice to CAM on this issue?
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2. Regarding your position as Chancellor of UNSW:

- a) Have you at any stage informed and/or discussed your involvement as Chair of the Summit with the UNSW Council? Did Council agree that it was an appropriate role for you to take on?
- b) A cursory look at the Combat Antisemitism Conference reveals strong links between its personnel and the IDF, and its strong support for the Government of Israel and its war effort. These are very controversial matters and the subject of much public debate in Australia. In light of this:
 - i) Did you consider whether the adoption of the position of Chair of the Summit Committee could be perceived by some staff and students not to be in the interests of UNSW?
 - ii) Have any concerns been raised with you about your role as Chair of the Summit Committee by either members of the University or members of the broader community? If yes, how have you responded?

iii) Do you understand that in light of the Summit's clear goal of implanting the IHRA definition of antisemitism and CAM's Municipalities Index across local government — and CAM's ongoing organising to restrict political freedom for students and staff to organise in support of Palestine on US campuses — some staff and students would perceive that by Chairing the Summit Committee you are, or could be perceived to be, compromising your reputation for impartiality in relation to your role as Chancellor?