

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

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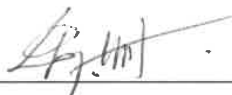
PLACE: HOMEBUSH
NAME: Kam Ha (Pinkie) LEUNG
ADDRESS: Known to ICAC
OCCUPATION: Community Services Contractor
TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC
DATE: 13 August 2019

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1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
 2. I am 60 years of age.
 3. My full name is Kam Ha Leung, but I am also commonly known as Pinkie Leung. I am an Australian citizen and I was currently enrolled and entitled to vote in local, State and Federal elections.
 4. I am currently a community services contractor for Anglicare & Auscare Support, and I am responsible to organise activities for the elderly, carer & people with disability groups.

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5. Between 2008 to July 2017, I worked as a volunteer for an organisation known as the Special Children Services Centre Incorporation which is located at Suite 20, Level 3, 6-8 Holden Street, Ashfield.


6. Between July 2017 to 10 March 2019, I was employed by the Special Children Services Centre Incorporation as the Service Manager.

7. My and the other administrative staffs' employment with the Special Children Services Centre Incorporation were terminated on the 10 March 2019 by the Management team of the organisation.

8. Special Children Services Centre Incorporation provides many services to children with disabilities such as therapeutic programs, life skills training and education activities. They support parents and carers by organising informative workshops to improve parenting skills and therapy activities to reduce their stress.

9. Whilst I was a volunteer (From April 2008 to June 2017) and later an employee of the Special Children Services Centre Incorporation I was given the email address [specialchildrenservices@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:specialchildrenservices@[REDACTED]) as a work email account to receive emails but other employee, the Admin staff of the Special Children Services Centre Incorporated were able to access this email account.

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10. I have a personal [REDACTED] email account [leungpinkie@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:leungpinkie@[REDACTED]), which I created when I was working for Anglicare in approximately 2006 and continue to use to date as my personal email account.
11. I have never been employed by the Australian Labor Party (“ALP”).
12. I was a member of the ALP NSW Branch for approximately five years, I joined the ALP because Ernest Wong asked me to join in about 2013 or 2014..
13. I was a member for a group known as the Chinese Friends of Labor, which I believe is a separate group associated with the ALP. I was not required to pay a membership fee or complete a form to become a member of the Chinese Friends of Labor.
14. I was involved with the Chinese Friends of Labor when I asked by Ernest Wong since it was established until approximately two years ago when I was not invited to attend any of the Chinese Friends of Labor meetings.
15. I believe the Chinese Friends of Labor may have an Australian Business Number (“ABN”) and may be registered with Fair Trading but I am not sure. I believe that Jonathan Yee may have paid the registration fees for Chinese Friends of Labor to Fair Trading as a Not-For-Profit organisation.
16. I am aware that Chinese Friends of Labor has a bank account, but I do not know if it is a separate bank account or a bank account linked to Jonathan Yee or Ernest

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Wong. I am not on the management committee for the Chinese Friends of Labor, so I have never been requested to bank any of the monies, donations or funds from Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising events.

17. Jonathan Yee was the President of the Chinese Friends of Labor, but I do not know if he still holds this role. Ernest Wong was the founder of the Chinese Friends of Labor and was a Member of the Legislative Council within the NSW State Parliament.
18. Ernest Wong was actively involved with the Chinese Friends of Labor and would organise activities and fundraising events and he would connect or ask people for meetings to develop business connections and working relationships.
19. The Chinese Friends of Labor would organise one to two fundraising dinners each year to raise monies for the ALP.
20. I have never heard of the Country Labor Party ("CLP") nor have I ever been told that any monies raised by the Chinese Friends of Labor during one of its fundraising dinners was intended to be given to the CLP.
21. It was my understanding that most of the monies raised at the Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners were to go to the ALP and some money was kept in the Chinese Friends of Labor bank account.

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22. I am aware that Simon Zhou who is also a member of Chinese Friends of Labor and a Councillor at City of Ryde Council would give talks to new Chinese migrants and young people as part of his role with Chinese Friends of Labor.
23. During 2015, the committee members for the Chinese Friends of Labor were Ernest Wong, Jonathan Yee, Floris Lam, Khanh Van Mach, and Myers Chak (maybe). I cannot recall if Simon Zhou was a committee member in 2015.
24. My duties with the Chinese Friends of Labor involved volunteering and organising fundraising activities or as directed by Ernest Wong. My main role for Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners was to sell and record the details of the persons or companies that wanted to purchase tickets or tables for these fundraising events.
25. I would keep an Excel spreadsheet of people and companies that had purchased or pledged to purchase a seat or table at these Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners.
26. I would regularly email these Excel spreadsheets to Ernest Wong and update him of the number of tickets sold and the intended attendees at these Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners.
27. Ernest Wong would ask me to assist with the organisation of these Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners. Ernest Wong who usually organise the program for these Chinese Friends of Labor dinners and provide me with the

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running order for these fundraising dinners. Ernest Wong had the final say and approval relating to all Chinese Friends of Labor dinners.

28. Ernest Wong would always organise the seating arrangements and who would be seated at each of the tables at the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners. Ernest Wong knows all the people and knows where they need to be seated at these types of fundraising events. Ernest Wong knows who needs to be seated in the middle of the function and who needs to be seated near or at the VIP tables.

29. Ernest Wong would also request my assistance as a volunteer at other ALP fundraising dinners like a couple of years ago I assisted him with a fundraising dinner for the Julia Gillard where we sold tickets to the event and I sat at the front reception looking after seatings with the help from other volunteers including Young Labors. .

30. The standard price for a seat at a Chinese Friends of Labor dinner or similar ALP fundraising events would be \$80 per seat at a normal table; \$800 for table of 10; and \$1800 or \$2,000 for a VIP table.

31. I can recall one actual ALP fundraising event that guests were charged \$500 per head to attend but I think this was very unusual and people usually cannot afford to attend a fundraising event when the tickets are so expensive for normal people.

32. I have never heard of a VVIP table nor have I heard any ALP fundraising events where people were charged \$5,000 for a VVIP table.

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33. I have never been instructed by Ernest Wong or any other committee member from the Chinese Friends of Labor that they intended to sell VVIP tables at any Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners.
34. I have never collected the sum of \$5,000 from any person or company to purchase a VVIP table at any Chinese Friends of Labor dinner or fundraising event.
35. I have never been to any Chinese Friends of Labor meeting or receive any emails from Ernest Wong and/or any other Chinese Friends of Labor committee member that they intended to sell any VVIP seats or tables for \$5,000 at any Chinese Friends of Labor dinners or fundraising events.
36. I was never informed that there was an option for people to purchase a \$5,000 VIP seat or table at any Chinese Friends of Labor dinner or fundraising event. But recently I checked those emails and found that Jonathan Yee had mentioned \$5000 table with John Zhang in an email in March 2015.
37. I only sold the normal seats and tables (\$80 a seat or \$800 for a table of 10). I have never sold any seats or tables for any of the VIP or premium tables. Usually Ernest Wong, Jonathan Yee and/or Ernest Chan would organise the sale of the VIP or premium tables.
38. Ernest Wong would sell the most seats and tables for the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners and fundraising events as he knows a lot of rich people.

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39. At the actual Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners, I would usually be seated at the front reception area and would tell people where they were seated or provide them with their tickets if they have not previously received them.
40. I would have a list of guests and their allocated seats or table numbers at the reception with me and I would check off the names from that list once the guests arrived. I would receive the guest list from Ernest Wong prior to the commencement of these fundraising events.
41. Ernest Wong would provide a separate VIP guest list to the regular or normal guest list. Ernest Wong would also include of those guest lists of attendees those people who have previously paid prior to the event and those people who had reserved a seat or table at the event but had not paid as yet and that I was required to collect monies from upon their arrival at the reception or other volunteers would collect the monies when they are seated.
42. Most guests would have previously completed the Chinese Friends of Labor invitation/reservation form and direct debit funds into the nominated bank account, but some people pay for their tickets at the dinner. People who pay me for their tickets at the reception on the night I would then hand the monies to the Young Labor volunteers who assigned to do the job.
43. Ernest Chan who was another member of the Chinese Friends of Labor and volunteered with me at these Chinese Friends of Labor dinners at The Eight

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restaurant, Market City. He would assist me at the reception with ushering guests to their seats or tables at the beginning of these events then he would also be the Master of Ceremonies (“MC”) at the Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners.

44. Ernest Chan is a member of the ALP and is also a Councillor with Burwood Council.
45. Floris Lam and the Young Labor volunteers would sell raffle tickets and collect monies at these Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners. Floris Lam was responsible for managing her volunteers; and organising the raffle and prizes.
46. Ernest Wong would request that I donate prizes or go to collect prizes from various companies to be raffled at these Chinese Friends of Labor dinner or similar fundraising events organised by him. He usually organises auction items by himself. The prizes I donated at Chinese Friends of Labor events are usually a tea set, some artwork and similar items.
47. Floris Lam and Khanh Van Mach would direct the Young Labor volunteers and other volunteers into teams of two people and allocate them approximately ten tables each to sell raffle tickets and collect money from during these Chinese Friends of Labor dinners.
48. Ernest Wong instructed me to hand all monies collected from the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners to the Young Labor volunteers. Prior to the commencement of

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these events, Ernest Wong would introduce me to the Young Labor volunteer who was in charge of collecting all the monies during these events on the day, but I cannot recall their names.

49. Ernest Wong had a secretary that I knew as Winnie Huang, who assisted Ernest Wong a lot with his parliamentary and other duties, including the organising of the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners and fundraising events. Winnie Huang would also assist Ernest Wong to do all the paperwork for the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners and other ALP fundraising events which he was organising.

50. Before Ernest Wong left State Parliament in March this year, Winnie Huang has become the Project Coordinator of the Special Children Services Centre at Ashfield starting from January this year.

51. Winnie Huang would assist me at the reception area of the Chinese Friends of Labor events as she knows all the ALP people and VIPs attending these dinners as well as the guests to be seated at the Head Table.

52. The guests seated at the Head Table would usually be seated in the middle near the stage.

53. Sometimes guests pay a lot of money to be seated at the Head Table with the Members of Parliament. I believe that guests wanting to be seated at the Head Table would pay or donate approximately \$2,000 to be seated with the various

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Members of Parliament in attendance. I have never heard that any person had paid \$5,000 or more to be seated at the Head Table.

54. The Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners were usually at The Eight restaurant at Market City and could seat up to 600 people or 60 tables with ten seats per table.
55. It was my practice if I was given monies at the reception for a seat or table or a donation that I would place the money into an envelope and write the person's name on the front of the envelope. If it was donation money, I would make sure that a person completed the donation form. I would also assist Chinese people who could not speak, write or understand English to complete donation slips or raffle tickets.
56. At the end of the dinner I would give the envelopes containing cash to the Young Labor volunteers or I would give it to Ernest Wong at the end of the event to be put in the bag of money to be counted by him and the other people responsible for counting the money collected. Usually Floris Lam, Khanh Van Mach, Jonathan Yee and sometimes Ernest Chan would assist Ernest Wong count the monies raised at the end of the fundraising event. The money is usually counted in a room at The Eight restaurant, Market City.

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57. I am aware that some of the monies collected during the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners at The Eight restaurant, Market City is used to pay the restaurant for catering the event on the night.
58. There is usually just enough cash money collected at these Chinese Friends of Labor to cover the catering costs. I am aware that The Eight restaurant requests to be paid cash for the catering of the Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinners.
59. The Eight restaurant, Market City usually charges the Chinese Friends of Labor between \$500 to \$800 per table to host and cater these types of events. Each table seats ten guests and there is usually between 50 to 60 tables at these large Chinese Friends of Labor dinners.
60. It is my belief that Chinese Friends of Labor would make between \$20,000 and \$30,000 at one of these ALP fundraising dinner at The Eight restaurant, market City.
61. I have never heard that the Chinese Friends of Labor have ever made \$50,000 or more at any of their fundraising dinners.
62. It is my belief that Ernest Wong would take the remaining money collected at these Chinese Friends of Labor or similar ALP fundraising dinner home with him after paying the restaurant hosting and catering costs. I do not know what Ernest Wong would have done with the remaining monies collected from these fundraising dinners at the end of the night.

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63. I have heard that political donations have a certain amount of limit of money that can be donated to a political party and that builders cannot make a donation because it is a conflict of interest. I think that a person can only donate \$1,000 or less.

64. I have never received any formal training or advice about donation cap limits or who are prohibited donors for making donations to a political party.

65. Usually prior to the commencement of a Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinner or similar event, Ernest Wong would tell all the volunteers what was going to happen and how much the raffle ticket prices were, but he never told us about prohibited donors or donation caps.

66. The last time I saw Ernest Wong was earlier this year (2019) when we were having a meeting at the Special Children Services Centre at Ashfield. Ernest Wong is the Honorary Chairperson of the Special Children Services Centre and he attends the management meetings since 2018. Floris Lam and Khanh Van Mach are also on the management committee for the Special Children Services Centre.

67. I last saw Floris Lam at the Special Children Services Centre Lunar New Year party at the Emperor Garden restaurant, which is owned by Jonathan Yee, earlier this year.

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68. I know a person by the name of Kendrick Cheah, and it is my understanding that he is a very active member of the ALP NSW Branch.

69. Kendrick Cheah attends all of the Chinese Friends of Labor fundraising dinner. Kendrick Cheah would also send me the completed invitation forms for other ALP Members of Parliament or other Labor people that he had organised to attend these Chinese Friends of Labor dinners.

70. I am not sure if Kendrick Cheah is a member of the Chinese Friends of Labor, but he attends all their fundraising events. I do not know if Kendrick Cheah has any role with the coordination or organising of Chinese Friends of Labor dinners or fundraising events.

71. I believe that Ernest Wong would have email me a copy of the Chinese Friends of Labor dinner reservation/invitation form for the event at The Eight restaurant, Market City on the 12 March 2015 as around this time I was assisting Ernest Wong with a number of different ALP events as a volunteer.

72. I know a person by the name of Xiangmo Huang as I have met him at Chinese Friends of Labor dinner and other similar ALP fundraising events. I believe that Ernest Wong may have introduced him to me.

73. Xiangmo Huang attended a lot of the Chinese Friends of Labor dinners as well as other ALP fundraising events and would usually be seated at the Head Table.

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74. I do not know if Xiangmo Huang paid for a seat at the Chinese Friends of Labor dinner and other ALP fundraising events, but I do know that he would make a donation every time at these types of events. I cannot say how much money Xiangmo Huang would make at these fundraising dinners or events as I am not the person who would collect the money from him.

75. I know Ernest Wong helped Xiangmo Huang established a Cantonese business association known as the Australian Guangdong Chamber of Commerce which was launched at State Parliament where Ernest Wong gave a speech. I believe that my name was used by Ernest Wong as having some involvement with the Australian Guangdong Chamber of Commerce, but I do not know what title they had given to me. But I have no involvement with this Australian Guangdong Chamber of Commerce at all. Xiangmo Huang was the Chairperson of the Australian Guangdong Chamber of Commerce.

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