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Statement by Tony Windsor MP Member for New England in response to the Australian Federal Police statement

- I welcome the release of the AFP's statement
- I am pleased that the AFP have acted quickly since my statement to the Parliament last week
- There is no surprise in the statement by the AFP given the differing versions of the conversation
- The AFP does not say what actually happened or pass any judgement - it merely concludes that none of the versions of the conversations related by any of the witnesses can amount to an "offer to give or confer" a benefit.
- The indication from the AFP is that there is insufficient evidence to sustain a charge under the Commonwealth Electoral Act
- I will be maintaining my position
- The release of the AFP Statement now clears the way for the establishment of a Senate Inquiry or even a House of Representatives Inquiry so that all those involved can give their evidence publicly and be cross examined and broaden the scope of the Inquiry beyond the narrow terms of reference of the AFP investigation.