

Fwd: Media request - Duffy's role in your speaking engagements

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Subject: Re: Media request - Duffy's role in your speaking engagements

Mychaylo,

No one has ever paid me to do the research that I have done on the funding of environmental activism.

It is wrong to suggest that I “denied being funded by anyone” and that I “failed to disclose” information when I testified to the senate finance committee on June 7, 2012.

Mike Duffy did not obtain any speaking engagements for me nor did he help in any way in “financing” any of the honorariums that I have ever received.

Sincerely,

Vivian Krause

On May 03, 2015, at 11:13 AM, Mychaylo Prystupa <mychaylo@nationalobserver.com> wrote:

Good Morning Vivian,

Just wanted to remind you that I sincerely hope to hear from you regarding my latest set of questions, sent Friday.

I will welcome your responses until 8pm tonight.

Thank you kindly,

On Sat, May 2, 2015 at 8:18 PM, Mychaylo Prystupa <mychaylo@nationalobserver.com> wrote:

Hi Vivian,

It's come to my attention that you find the time frame too short to respond to my latest set of questions. I can understand that.

If I hear back from you by Sunday 9am that it's your intention to respond, I would be pleased to give you more time. It is our intention to publish Monday, so I would appreciate it if you could respond by Sunday night, call it 8pm.

Thank you kindly,

On Fri, May 1, 2015 at 5:42 PM, Mychaylo Prystupa <mychaylo@nationalobserver.com> wrote:

Hi Vivian,

Thank you for your responses to our questions. You've been most patient and candid, and it is appreciated.

It's our theory, in reviewing the information we've obtained, that you may not be aware of the activities of Senator Duffy and others in relation to financing your speaking engagements.

We're hoping your answers can assist us in getting a clearer picture of this, and thank you for your time.

Deadline to respond: Sunday 9am.

1. Please list all of your speaking engagements (event name + dates) that Ms. Cassidy was involved in.
2. Did AMEBC contact you directly to book your speaking engagement?
3. When did CEPA contact you for the April 3 presentation, and who was the contact?
4. Who proposed the \$10,000 fee for CEPA event?
5. What did you discuss with Mike Duffy on June 1, 2012, and did you talk with Marilyn Cassidy on that day?
6. How you arrive at changing your speaking from \$1,000 to \$10,000, between 2011 and 2012?
7. Did Marilyn Cassidy receive a commission or any fee for her work for you? Did she assist you in setting your speaking fee?
8. Have you ever disclosed your speaking fees to a Parliamentary (House of Commons or Senate) committee? If so, when? If not, why not?
9. Information suggests that Mr. Duffy, through his industry contacts and Ms. Cassidy, played a role in assisting you to obtain higher paid speaking engagements. Your comment?
10. We note your evidence at the Senate Finance hearings on June 6, 2012. In response to a direct question from Senator Duffy asking if you are being paid by anyone, you denied being paid by anyone, and said you support yourself from the sale of your house. What was your reason for not disclosing to the Senate Finance committee in June 2012 your earlier speaking fees?
11. Senator Duffy presumably knew that Marilyn Cassidy had continued his involvement with you respecting speaking engagements. Do you think he should have asked you to elaborate your evidence to avoid a perception that you intentionally misled the Senate about your true financial situation?
12. In your interview with Jenny Uechi on April 10, you said that Marilyn Cassidy was "looking for speakers for the Inuvik Petroleum Show. Mike Duffy gave me her name, or her my name... Anyway, I went on to speak at Inuvik Petroleum Show. But that was - that had nothing to do with Duffy" Yet your most recent responses suggest a mere paperwork role for Ms Cassidy. Is it not fair to say that if she asked you to give the Inuvik presentation and then did "the paperwork" for you, that she was your agent?
13. You appeared to have a jump in fees from \$1000 to \$10,000 between 2011 and 2012. Can you say more about how you determined this figure? Did anyone advise you, or did you have any discussions with anyone as to setting your fee at \$10,000?
14. Is it correct that you were asked on June 5th in Vancouver to appear the next day for a Senate finance committee hearing in Ottawa? Do you know why notice was so short?
15. What was the purpose of your trip to Ottawa March 20, 2012?
16. If you weren't compensated for your appearances at parliamentary hearings, can you estimate your out-of-pocket expenses?
17. Our research indicates you made \$38,500 in speaking fees in the 12-month period prior to June 6, 2012. What is your assessment of your income from this time from paid speaking engagements?

Thank you kindly,