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While Kathy Jackson and Michael Lawler have been keeping their heads down of late after their disastrous and utterly daft decision to appear on 4 Corners, it doesn’t mean the wheels have stopped turning regarding the investigations into their affairs.

Rumours persist that the police raid on the properties associated with Lawler and Jackson uncovered a rather large amount of cocaine, however there is no confirmed evidence of any such finding. Such findings could be a complete and utter disaster for the Fair Work Commission. Any case presided over by Lawler could find itself open to appeal, a move that could waste even more taxpayer funds than the ridiculous $435K per annum salary the taxpayer forks out Lawler already. A role he hasn’t bothered showing up to for months on end now.

However it is the other names that are allegedly coming up in the investigation that are possibly the most alarming, although to those familiar with the case unsurprising.

Two of those names are reportedly Bill Shorten and David Feeney.

Shorten of course is the current Opposition Leader, David Feeney is the current Shadow Assistant Minister for Defence, Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Shadow Minister for The Centenary of ANZAC and perhaps the most ironic of all the Shadow Minister for Justice.

Wixxyleaks have been assured by sources that there are several avenues of police inquiry regarding David Feeney and his wife Liberty Sanger.
David Feeney and Liberty Sanger – Tough times ahead?

Feeney as many may remember from the Royal Commission was allegedly a key financier for the election campaigns of both Kathy Jackson and Marco Bolano. It is alleged that Bolano is currently under police investigation for insurance fraud regarding his workers compensation claim that he was completely incapacitated yet he was fine to try to intimidate witnesses at the Royal Commission.

Under the microscope, allegedly, is the arrangements of a property deal between Jeff and Kathy Jackson, and David Feeney and Liberty Sanger.

Also disturbingly, Wixxyleaks has been told there are also possible irregularities involving the superannuation funds of which Jackson and Feeney were board members.

I am led to believe that things are looking grim for both David Feeney and his wife Liberty Sanger. This will clearly have an impact on Feeney’s career but given his wife Sanger is on the Board of Maurice Blackburn Lawyers things may not work out real dandy for her either.

Sounding like something straight from a movie script, the police investigation is also allegedly looking into a group known as the “Union Wives Club”.

The Union Wives Club were allegedly a group of women who liked to travel like Getaway presenters and dine like they were restaurant reviewers. The group travelled frequently and went on many jaunts together it has been alleged, both in Australia and abroad.

Members of this group allegedly included Kathy Jackson, Liberty Sanger, and Debbie Beale. Debbie Beale is the former wife of Bill Shorten, and at the time of the Union Wives Club the pair were still married.

If Debbie Beale had so much as a bottle of water paid for her by Kathy Jackson from misappropriated HSU member’s funds then Shorten could easily find himself being seen as benefiting from the proceeds of crime.
Bill Shorten may be in a bit of a pickle

*Image – News Ltd*

Given the stories I have heard, much of which is well-known within the union movement, regarding Jackson’s allegedly outrageous spending of union members funds in bars and restaurants, I would be very surprised if Beale was not a beneficiary of this spending, and hence Shorten indirectly, or perhaps even directly on occasion. Evidence of this spending of Jackson’s is public knowledge and has been referred to in the Royal Commission as well as having received widespread media attention and is also part of the current Federal Police investigation.

Bearing this in mind, I am of the view that Shorten should have a long and hard think about the Party’s interests given what is likely to be coming out in not so glorious detail soon, probably just in time for the campaign kick-off.

At the very least David Feeney is going to have more question marks than the American National Anthem surrounding him. This is a man Shorten promoted, and given both men’s completely opposing views on Jackson one questions why Shorten would promote the funder of someone determined to bring him down.

On a completely different note, but loosely related, many have sprung to Turnbull’s defence regarding his failure to sack Mal Brough using the “Gillard stood by Thomson” defence.

Well, I’ll leave the Ashbygate investigation to those who know more than I, however the Thomson comparison is utterly ridiculous.

The current calls are for Turnbull to sack Brough from his position in the Ministry and as Special Minister Of State. The latter being where he ironically is the man in charge of government integrity, a sure sign that integrity is something the government lacks. Nobody is suggesting he should be sacked from the Party, no one is claiming he should be booted
out of parliament, something Turnbull can’t do as Brough was democratically elected. People do however have an expectation regarding the integrity of the Ministry.

Please just shut up and go away… Turnbull hangs his head as Brough opens his mouth

*Image – Fairfax*

Thomson on the other hand had the sense and dignity to stand down from the committee’s he chaired and was appointed to, the moment he was aware he was under investigation. Julia Gillard did not stand behind Thomson at all, in fact Thomson stood down from the Labor Party and became an independent MP. What Gillard did stand behind however was the notion of “innocent until proven guilty” as well as Thomson’s decision to hold the integrity of parliament as something more important than any one MP and his resulting standing down from appointed positions.

If Brough had half the integrity of Thomson he’d do the same.

Then again, if Turnbull had any integrity he’d force the issue.

With both leaders starting to smell like the stuff they shovel, maybe it’s time to ask a question.

“Will a real leader please stand up?”