

**Reid (19,141 comments) says:**

March 14th, 2014 at 11:31 pm

*I see nothing in that news article indicating that the Prime Minister endorsed the law firm.*

Normally the PM attending an opening of a law firm is taken as read they're endorsing it.

In the real world.

Interesting isn't it the law firm in question at its opening in 1995 was focusing on AGW consultation which focus of course during her tenure is one of the main reasons why Hulun got the UN job and which focus of course is why Chancery Gween got so much business. Wonder how much of it was paid by we taxpayers?

Pays to be in the right circles doesn't it.

**Hamish\_NZ (46 comments) says:**

March 15th, 2014 at 10:04 am

It's not the opening of the office that's the problem, that's a red hearing. If you read the article whaleoil has posted it has a quote from Cunliffes wife about how Labours global warming policy created the reason for the law firm being set up. Now isn't this a greater case of conflict of interest for Cunliffe and Labour? Cunliffe and his family personally benefited from Labour's policy. Indeed you could even argue that Cunliffe gave his wife a heads up about Labour policies in this area to give her company a material advantage over other lawyers. Unless Cunliffe and his wife don't talk to each other it would be very hard for him to refute.

Now that is a real breach of the cabinet manual. Question is will Cunliffe apply his own standard to himself and step down as leader of the Labour party and potential PM? No, didn't think so. So obviously Collins doesn't need to either.

Edit:spelling

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