



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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FUNDING FOR MINOR PARTIES

As revealed yesterday, State Parliament's joint standing committee on electoral matters has been asked to review the funding for minor parties.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell wrote to the Committee's chairman Trevor Khan MLC to ask him to inquire into and report on the compliance costs of political parties, specifically whether the annual amount distributed to minor parties was appropriate.

"This came after the Shooters and Fishers Party asked that this matter be considered, Mr O'Farrell said.

"Far from being some sort of secret deal, as claimed by the Opposition, I raised it publicly yesterday when talking about the agreement which allowed the sale of the State's power generators," Mr O'Farrell said.

"It is in fact, reported on the front page of The Daily Telegraph today – some secret. "The details surrounding the agreement reached with the Shooters and Fishers Party have been extensively aired.

"John Robertson has shot himself in the foot.

"He has shown he has no understanding of how parliament works and no grasp of the role played by parliamentary committees," he said.