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Submission: "By convention, personal and electorate employees may undertake activities in support of their employing parliamentarian re-election, but not the election or re-election of others. An employee therefore cannot be directed to undertake duties in support of any other senator, member or candidate." This is from a 28 June 2021 advice from the Department of Finance. In my opinion, staff which are employed using taxpayer funds should NOT be able to assist in any election campaigning. Seeking public office is a matter for private individuals and organisations, such as political paties, and should be their own financial responsibilty.