

The GIFT test



Who is the **giver** of the gift, benefit or hospitality? What is their relationship to me?

- Does my role require me to select contractors, award grants, regulate industries, make planning decisions or determine government policies?
- · Could the person or organisation benefit from a decision I make?

Are they seeking to influence my decisions or actions?

- · Has the gift, benefit or hospitality been offered to me publicly or privately?
- · Is it a courtesy, a token of appreciation or highly valuable?
- · Does its timing coincide with a decision I am about to make?



Are they seeking a **favour** in return for the gift, benefit or hospitality?

- · Has the gift, benefit or hospitality been offered honestly?
- · Has the person or organisation made several offers over the last 12 months?
- · Would accepting it create an obligation to return a favour?

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Would accepting the gift, benefit or hospitality diminish public **trust**? Would people question my integrity?

- · How would I feel if the gift, benefit or hospitality became public knowledge?
- · What would my colleagues, family, friends or associates think?