
IT'S ALL IN THE BODY LANGUAGE: LITTLE AFFECTION AS VIKKI TAKES CHARGE

A BODY language expert has claimed [Vikki Champion wears the pants in the new Joyce household](#).

Dr Louise Mahler, an Australian body language and voice expert, said that Ms Champion overrode and interrupted Barnaby Joyce on several occasions during last night's interview.

Dr Mahler said that former media adviser Ms Champion walked in ahead of Mr Joyce, shook the interviewer's hand and sat down first. She said Ms Champion was stony faced and leaning away from Mr Joyce throughout the interview and gestured away from him.



"There were no signs of affection between" Barnaby Joyce and Vikki Champion says a body language expert. Picture: Channel 7

Dr Mahler said they looked like a couple who "were arguing".

Despite a number of cuddles and touches exchanged between the pair during the interview, Dr Mahler said: "There were no signs of affection between them." She said that Ms Champion's body was slightly angled away from her partner throughout the interview and she overrode him several times.

"They are two people — not a couple — doing the best in a bad situation," she said. Dr Mahler said both parents adore the baby.

She said she believes Vicki Champion is struggling to cope with all the pressures of their situation, and that Mr Joyce is trying to protect her.

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