appropriation /əˌprəʊpriˈeɪʆən/

(formal or law) the act of taking sth which belongs to sb else, especially without permission

***Smear tactics hit local polls:***

**Mr Elrafihi, 25, who is running for council for the first-time as a Labor-member candidate for the North-East Ward, spent yesterday with the Victorian Electoral Commission and police. He was told the appropriation of his letterhead may constitute defamation.**