

- 1) Given the size of this project—its sheer magnitude—did the Government, through Transport for NSW or any other portfolio or entity, engage directly with the EPA to talk about this big project that was before it and discuss the need to monitor the project carefully and deal with matters arising from its execution? If so, when did that commence?**

A planning focus meeting was held on 10 July 2013 to discuss details of the project.

- 2) Was it put to the EPA by the Government that the EPA may need to allocate some dedicated resources to monitoring this project?**

A Memorandum of Understanding between Transport for NSW and the EPA was signed in July 2014 to assist the EPA with the planning for and regulation of a range of rail construction projects, including the CBD and South East Light Rail project.

- 3) The environment protection licence [EPL] reporting conditions state that, "The licensee must submit by 2.00 p.m. each business day a report to the EPA that provides details of all complaints received in relation to construction activities regulated by the licensor on the telephone complaints line or over email." Has this been happening?**

Yes.

- 4) The independent environmental representative who is approved by the EPA, who exactly is that for the project?**

The Independent Environmental Representative is appointed by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). Accordingly, this is a matter for DPE.

- 5) We have information from Transport for NSW that there were three formal notices issued to Acciona by the EPA. Can you table copies of all regulatory actions taken by the EPA against Acciona for the Committee?**

There have been a total of 6 regulatory actions taken against Acciona. These are at Attachment B.

- 6) Have you implemented any independent noise monitoring by the EPA?**

The EPA has undertaken independent noise monitoring on two occasions.

- 7) In the ALTRAC Light Rail Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan, with reference to high-impact works that take place during out of hours, it says that "should noise or vibration levels be observed to continually exceed those outlined in the activity specific OOH Noise Assessment, works shall stop and**

alternate methods and mitigation measures investigated". Has this ever happened?

The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan is a requirement of the infrastructure approval. Compliance with this plan is a matter for the Department of Planning and Environment.

8) You said you would take on notice whether you have issued any stop works under the noise and vibration management plan.

The EPA does not have a 'stop-work' notice as part of its regulatory toolkit. Refer to Q7 in relation to actions taken in relation to the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan.