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Subject: RE: Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs - Witness invitation
Attachments: Terms of Reference - Integrity of NSW Government grant programs.pdf

Dear

Thank you for your email. The committee has approved the following response:

While the committee reserves the right to ask any lawful question regarding the terms of reference for the inquiry (attached), the focus of questioning for Ms Sarah Lau and Ms Sarah Cruickshank will be in relation to the Stronger Communities Fund.

The committee is particularly interested in examining the process for approving and allocating each of the projects under the Stronger Communities Fund. As the Department of Premier and Cabinet has advised that it is unable to assist the committee with this matter, it is necessary that the committee hear from persons who worked in the Premier's office at the time.

According to the documents provided to the House under standing order 52, Sarah Lau sent emails from the Premier's office to the Office of Local Government indicating the Premier's approval of various projects. Sarah Cruickshank was the chief of staff in the Premier's office at the time and can assist the committee with information about the processes and structures in the Premier's office during that time.

Please note, as per the chair's letters of 16 October 2020, the witnesses have until 5.00 pm today Tuesday 20 October 2020 to advise if they will attend. If not, the committee intends to issue summons tomorrow.

Kind regards,

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