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PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE:
INQUIRY INTO THE INTEGRITY, EFFICIENCY AND VALUE FOR MONEY OF
NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS
HEARING – 23 OCTOBER 2020
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION

The CHAIR: Ms Lau, my final question, which I ask you to take on notice, is this: You said that MPs were consulted through the parliamentary liaison team about projects. Were they exclusively Government MPs?

The Hon. NATALIE WARD: You are now in our time.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Point of order: With respect, this happens all the time.

The Hon. NATALIE WARD: You do it every time.

The CHAIR: It is the final question on notice.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: We make a resolution that something will happen and then you ignore your own resolution.

The CHAIR: I am happy to bring the witnesses back if that is your position. I will hand over to the Government for 15 minutes.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: The question has been put so can we confirm that the witness is happy to take question on notice? I think it is straightforward. Are you happy to take it on notice?

Ms LAU: Yes, I can take it on notice.

ANSWER:

The Parliamentary Liaison Team consulted with Government MPs, who were in turn asked to consult with their relevant local councils on possible projects that could be funded. MPs and councils were asked to focus on projects which had been planned and had community support, but did not have sufficient funding to commence. MPs and councils were also asked to have a particular focus on green open space and recreation projects.