

**Answers to questions on notice - Ms Laura Clarke - Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier
Inquiry into Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs, Public Accountability Committee, Hearing 9 December 2020**

Questions taken on notice, Wednesday 9 December 2020

Questions

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: Ms Clarke, you were just saying you were on leave for a period. When were you on leave?

Ms CLARKE: I will have to take that on notice.

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The CHAIR: I think you said earlier that you were not sure when you took leave, but was it in the middle of the year or towards the end of the year in 2018?

Ms CLARKE: I would have to take that on notice. My understanding of that came through an email that was captured in the Standing Order 52 that said that I would be on leave when the guidelines were to come through to the Deputy Premier's office.

The CHAIR: If you could assist by providing that document that you rely upon or indicating what that document is on notice, that would be of assistance.

Ms CLARKE: Okay.

Response:

I was leave from Thursday 21 June 2018, returning to work on Monday 9 July 2018.

A copy of the email referred to in the hearing is attached. This email was captured in the Standing Order 52.

From: Laura Clarke

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 5:54 PM

To: Sarah Lau < >; Tim Hurst < >

Cc: Daniel Newlan < >

Subject: RE: Central Coast

Hi Sarah

I'm on leave from tomorrow, Can you pass onto Dan once approved by the Premier?

Thanks

Laura

From: Sarah Lau

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 5:48 PM

To: Laura Clarke < >; Tim Hurst < >

Cc: David Rodwell < >; Kevin Wilde < >

< >; Ellie Laing < >

>; Alexandra Tooth

Subject: RE: Central Coast

Laura,

Metro projects and funding guidelines should be hopefully signed by Prem tomorrow. Once the guidelines are signed, I'll pass them over to you to get the DP sign and then we can get Min Upton to sign.

Sorry for the delays Tim.

Sarah

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