

The Hon. Daniel Mookhey, MLC
Chair, Select Committee on the impact of
technological and other change on
the future of work and workers in New South Wales
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Chair,

Request to clarify and amend evidence given to the Select Committee

I am writing to request to clarify and amend an aspect of my evidence before the Select Committee on the impact of technological and other change on the future of work and workers in New South Wales on 30 March 2021.

During my evidence, Mr Shoebridge asked me about the role of departmental representatives on the NSW Innovation and Productivity Council (IPC). In my answer I described departmental representatives as being 'mainly observers' and referred to Ms Joann Wilkie, Deputy Secretary, Economic Strategy and Productivity Group, NSW Treasury, as 'an observer of a council meeting'. I wish to clarify and amend my comments in relation to 'observers' with the information below.

In relation to the role of Ms Wilkie, I seek to amend my answer to clarify that she is an Executive Council member, rather than an observer. Ms Wilkie was appointed to the IPC in accordance with the requirements of Section 6(2) of the *Innovation and Productivity Council Act 1996*. Section 6(2) states that '[o]f the members, one must be a person employed in the Department. That person is the Council's Executive Member.'

The IPC also includes two special advisors who are government officials. The special advisors are not members of the IPC. Their roles include attending IPC meetings, observing, and providing advice to the IPC as required. The two special advisors are:

- Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte – NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer and Natural Resources Commissioner.
- Mr Stephen Walters – Chief Economist, NSW Treasury.

I happily consent to the clarifications and amendments above being published.

Yours sincerely,

Neville Stevens AO
Chair, Innovation and Productivity Council

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