PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY

16 December 2021 hearing

Responses to Questions on Notice

NSW Treasury

Mr PRATT: I talk to him about it as I would, yes.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Have you had any discussions with the Premier about the Auditor-General's concerns?

Mr PRATT: Not recently, no.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: What do you mean by "not recently"?

Mr PRATT: Well, probably—look, I cannot give you exact events, times or dates, but I would have discussed it probably with the Treasurer and the Premier at least once in the past couple of months, together.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Let us just assume that that was after Mr Perrottet became Premier. We are talking about the same Premier, yes?

Mr PRATT: That would be the case—briefly.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: To be fair, the last time we saw Mr Midha there was a bit of a change.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: Perhaps on notice you could supply the date.

Mr PRATT: I cannot give you time and date, Mr Mookhey.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: I appreciate that.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: On notice, though, if you were able to.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Any ability to check would be appreciated.

Mr PRATT: Alright. The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:

RESPONSE:

• The Treasury Secretary discusses key issues relevant to the Treasury portfolio with the Treasurer and Premier on a regular and ongoing basis. Matters relating to the 2020-21 Total State Sector Accounts were discussed periodically throughout November and December.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: As of today, what is the value of the State's rail assets?

Mr PRATT: We are issuing that this afternoon, Mr Graham. I am actually going back to sign off the accounts this afternoon.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: This is a TAHE inquiry. I do not think it is unreasonable for you to tell us at this inquiry what is Treasury's valuation of the State's rail assets as of today.

The Hon. SHAYNE MALLARD: Take it on notice.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: You must have that figure here.

Mr PRATT: We will have that figure, yes. We will try and get it for you. But bear in mind I have not signed it off yet. The accounts are issuing this afternoon.

RESPONSE:

• The value of the State's rail assets is reflected in the Total State Sector Accounts which can be accessed here: <u>Report on State Finances 2020-2021.pdf (nsw.gov.au)</u>. At 30 June 2021, TAHE's total assets were valued at \$21,724m.