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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Parliamentary inquiry into the appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas to hold its second hearing on 11 July**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**8 July 2022**

The Upper House committee conducting the inquiry into the appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas will hold its second hearing on Monday 11 July 2022. The key issues being explored by the committee include:

- the circumstances leading up to the appointment
- the process undertaken to make the appointment
- the probity and integrity measures that were undertaken as part of the appointment.

The hearing will hear from one witness, Ms Jenny West, Former Deputy Secretary of Trade and International, Investment NSW.

The Chair of the committee, Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC said, "It has been well-publicised that Ms West was the first preferred candidate for the role of Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas. Following the hearing with Secretary Amy Brown, the committee is pleased that Ms West has accepted our invitation to answer questions on the recruitment process and circumstances that led to Mr Barilaro's appointment."

Ms Faehrmann continued, "The committee acknowledges that Mr Barilaro has resigned from the role, but the committee is focused on finding out more about the flawed process that got him the role in the first place."

#### **Hearing details**

The hearing will be held on **Monday 11 July 2022** from 10.15 am to 1.00 pm.

The hearing will be live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website via [bit.ly/webcastnsw](https://bit.ly/webcastnsw).

For further information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, and hearing schedule, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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