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Parliamentary inquiry into the appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas holds further hearing on 8 August 2022

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The Upper House committee conducting an inquiry into the appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas is holding its sixth hearing on Monday 8 August.

Mr John Barilaro, former Deputy Premier of NSW will give evidence to the inquiry. The hearing will commence at 10.00 am in the Jubilee Room, NSW Parliament House.

Chair of the committee, Cate Faehrmann MLC, stated, "It is time for Mr Barilaro to give evidence to the inquiry. Through the course of the inquiry, serious questions have been raised about the transparency of the process of his appointment."

The Chair continued, "Monday's hearing will be the opportunity for the former Deputy Premier to explain why he wanted the senior trade roles to be ministerial appointments, and why these changes were rushed through Cabinet."

In the afternoon the committee will also hear again from Ms Amy Brown, Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Chief Executive Officer, Investment NSW.

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on Monday 8 August 2022 commencing at 10.00 am.

The hearing will be live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website via bit.ly/webcastnsw.

For further information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, and hearing schedule, please visit the committee's <u>website</u>.

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