



**INQUIRY INTO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR JOHN BARILARO AS
SENIOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMISSIONER TO THE
AMERICAS**

**Questions from the Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC,
with the agreement of the committee**

Ms Gladys Berejiklian

Regarding Stephen Cartwright

1. Did you meet or talk to Mr Stephen Cartwright about his candidacy, or potential candidacy, for the role of NSW Agent-General to the United Kingdom at any time?
 1. If so, how and when?
 2. Please set out what was discussed.
2. Did Mr Cartwright contact you, or attempt to contact you, while he was negotiating his total remuneration package with Investment NSW for the Agent-General to London role?
 1. If so, how and when?
 2. Please set out what was discussed.
3. Are you aware of Mr Cartwright invoking your name while he was negotiating his total remuneration package with Investment NSW for the Agent-General to London role?
 1. If so, did Mr Cartwright have your permission to raise your name?

4. Did you have any conversations with any Minister about Mr Cartwright's candidacy for the Agent-General role in London at any time?
 1. If so, with whom, how and when?
 2. Please set out what was discussed.

Regarding Cabinet Submission to Convert STIC positions to Ministerial Appointments

1. What reasons were you given by John Barilaro for why it was necessary to convert the role of Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners to ministerial appointments?
2. Given Mr Barilaro has confirmed that your Cabinet supported his submission ten days after he proposed it:
 1. What reasons did Mr Barilaro give you for why this matter had to be determined urgently?

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Dear Frances

Thank you for your email dated 29 August 2022 which attached questions from the Honourable Daniel Mookhey MLC, with the agreement of the Committee.

Noting that I do not have access to emails and diary entries from my period as Premier, I respond to those questions, using the numbering contained within the document:

Regarding Stephen Cartwright

1. To the best of my recollection and belief, I did not discuss with Mr Cartwright anything to do with his candidacy, or potential candidacy for the role of NSW Agent-General to the United Kingdom. As you would appreciate, meetings in my diary whilst I held the office of Premier were a matter of public record. The Committee should check if there were any meetings with Mr Cartwright in the Premier's diary whilst I held that office and whether that records the subject matter of any meetings.
2. To the best of my recollection and belief, Mr Cartwright did not contact me, or attempt to contact me whilst he was negotiating his total remuneration package with Investment NSW for the Agent-General role.
3. I am not aware of any circumstances in which Mr Cartwright sought to invoke my name whilst negotiating his total remuneration package with Investment NSW for the Agent-General role.

4. To the best of my recollection and belief, I did not have any conversations with any Minister about Mr Cartwright's candidacy for the Agent-General role.

Regarding Cabinet Submission to Convert STIC positions to Ministerial Appointments

1. On the assumption that this question is asking me to disclose discussions in Cabinet which are subject to confidentiality protections that I cannot unilaterally waive, I am not in a position to answer this question.
2. On the assumption that this question is asking me to disclose discussions in Cabinet which are subject to confidentiality protections that I cannot unilaterally waive, I am not in a position to answer this question.

Kind regards

Gladys Berejiklian