PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Parliamentary inquiry into the appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas holds further hearings

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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 further hearings on Monday 31 October and Wednesday 2 November.

The committee has invited two witnesses from Investment NSW: Mr Paul Webster, Trade and Investment Commissioner UK and Europe and Mr Stephen Cartwright OAM, Agent General UK, and STIC Europe & Israel.

To accommodate time differences, Mr Webster will give evidence on Monday 31 October from 8.00AM and Mr Cartwright will give evidence on Wednesday 2 November from 8.00AM.

Chair of the committee, Cate Faehrmann MLC, said "The committee continues its important work in examining the appointments of all Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners, including the Agent General UK. The upcoming hearings will be an opportunity to hear directly from Mr Webster and Mr Cartwright about their appointments and allow the committee to seek further information and clarify any unanswered questions regarding the circumstances surrounding the STIC appointments."

## Hearing details

The hearing on **Monday 31 October** will commence at **8.00AM** in Room 814/815, NSW Parliament House.

The hearing on **Wednesday, 2 November** will commence at **8.00AM** in Macquarie Room, NSW Parliament House.

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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