

Responses to Questions taken on Notice

Inquiry into the appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas

Hearing Date – 22 November 2022

Question (p.35)

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT: You would have to ask the officer who was responsible for the campaign.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: Who was that officer?

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT: I think it – if you have the report there then perhaps you can help me, Mr Graham.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: I'm asking you who the officer is. You're asking us to make our own inquiries, as I take your answer?

The Hon. PETER POULOS: That's exactly what he's doing.

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT: No, the only reason I'm hesitating is because we ran about five or six campaigns while I was CEO and there were different responsible officers for each of them. So I don't want to mislead you by saying the wrong person – perhaps I take it on notice.

Answer

Mr Cartwright no longer has access to documentation regarding the authorised officer at the NSW Business Chamber responsible for oversight and conduct of the 2019 "Keeping NSW number one" advertising campaign. This information would need to be requested directly from the NSW Business Chamber or the NSW Electoral Commission.