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Public Works and Accountability Committee's inquiry into the NSW Government's use and management of consulting services

Dear Ms Boyd

I refer to the Public Works and Accountability Committee's inquiry into the NSW Government's use and management of consulting services and to the hearing conducted on 15 June 2023.

Please find enclosed NSW Health answers to supplementary questions 2 and 24 asked following the hearing. The return for question 24 includes information from all LHDs excluding Sydney, Central Coast, Illawarra Shoalhaven and Northern NSW LHDs. These four LHDs require further time to complete redactions of subcommittee minutes.

There are a significant number of documents comprised in the return. As previously advised, the LHDs have redacted sensitive personal information of individuals, commercial in confidence material and or legally privileged material, unconnected with the procurement, engagement or use of consulting services. LHDs have also redacted other sensitive material that would jeopardise the administration of the health system that also is unconnected to the inquiry.

Even with these redactions, given the very extensive volume of documents encompassed within the request, it remains possible that certain sensitive information inadvertently may not have been redacted.

Accordingly, to protect the sensitivity of this material and any staff or patients inadvertently identified in the material, I request that the Committee not publicly release or otherwise publish these documents.

Should the Committee determine that it is in the public interest that these documents be made public, I request that NSW Health be provided with the opportunity to review and if necessary make further redactions to the documents.

We will endeavour to complete the return of the redacted minutes in response to question 24 from the four LHDs whose records remain outstanding by 18 August 2023.

For more information, please contact Jane Hall, Director, Executive and Ministerial Services, NSW Ministry of Health,

Yours sincerely

Secretary, NSW Health

Encl.

1. *NSW Health response to Supplementary Questions 2 and 24*
2. *USB drive containing Conflict-of-Interest Registers, Board and Sub Committee minutes*

NSW Government's use and management of consulting services

15 June inquiry hearing

NSW Health Response

Supplementary questions 2 + 24

Central Coast Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011-2023 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Far West Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2019-2022 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/health/fwlhd/about-us/our-team-and-functions#toc-our-board>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011-2018 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Aboriginal Health
- Audit and Risk
- Board Governance
- Corporate Reporting
- Finance
- Finance and Performance
- Finance Performance and Workforce
- Health Care Quality
- Safety and Quality
- Workforce Development

Hunter New England Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/about-us/our-board>

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Aboriginal Health Committee
- Audit and Risk Management
- Community and Patient Partnerships
- District Clinical Council
- Finance and Performance
- Health Care Quality
- Medical and Dental Advisory Appointments
- Sustainability

Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/islhd-board-minutes>

Mid North Coast Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period July 2013 - 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://mnclhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/governing-board-minutes/>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – June 2013 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Audit and Risk
- Close the Gap
- Community Engagement (aka Partnering with Consumers)
- Finance and Performance
- Health Care Quality
- Health Services Development and Innovation Committee
- Medical, Dental and Advisory Committee
- People and Culture (aka Work Health and Safety, Workforce)
- Research, Development and Knowledge Translation

Murrumbidgee Local Health District

The District has advised that while it holds a District wide conflicts of interest register, it does not maintain a separate register for the Board. There have been no reported conflicts of interest for the Board.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period July 2014 - 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/publications-and-reports>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – June 2013 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Audit and Risk
- Medical and Dental Appointments Advisory
- Planning Resources and Performance

Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period January 2020 to present can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/health/nbmlhd/about-us/our-board#toc-board-meeting-minutes>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 - 2019 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Aboriginal Health Governance Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Research and Education Governance Committee – the committee disbanded 2014.
- Finance and Performance Committee
- Health Care Quality Committee
- Integrated Care Committee
- Medical and Dental Staff Appointments Advisory Committee (MDAAC)
- Research Committee - established in 2016.
- Workforce and Culture Committee
- Work Health and Safety Committee

Northern NSW Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period June 2012 - 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-organisation/leadership-and-board>

Northern Sydney Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period January 2013 - 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Pages/Meet-the-board.aspx>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 - 2012 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Medicare Local Consultative Committee
- Audit and Risk
- Integrated Risk Management
- Capital Asset Planning
- Consumer Committee
- Education
- Finance and Risk
- Health Care Quality
- JMO Wellbeing
- Research and Innovation
- Research, Innovation, Training and Education

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 - present have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Board Community Partnerships
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Finance and Performance
- Quality and Safety

South Western Sydney Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – present can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/meetings.html>

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Aboriginal Health
- Audit and Risk
- Finance and Assets
- Healthcare Quality and Safety
- Research and Teaching
- Workforce, Wellbeing and Culture

Southern NSW Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period June 2022 – June 2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.snswhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/southern-nsw-local-health-district-board>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011-2022 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

The District advises that the minutes of the Medical and Dental Appointments Advisory Committee (MDAAC) have not been provided as these contain sensitive personal information.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Audit and Risk
- Health Care Quality
- Finance and Performance
- Capital Works
- Capital Infrastructure
- Performance
- People and Wellbeing
- Aboriginal Health
- Community Engagement

Sydney Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – present have been provided electronically.

Western NSW Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2020 –2023 can be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/health/wNSWLHD/about-us/western-nsw-lhd-team#toc-our-board>

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011-2020 have been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Finance and Performance Committee
- Healthcare Quality Committee

Western Sydney Local Health District

A Conflict-of-Interest register has been provided to the Committee electronically.

Board Meeting Minutes for the period 2011 – present have been provided electronically.

Board Sub Committee Minutes have been provided to the Committee electronically for:

- Aboriginal Health Advisory
- Audit and Risk
- Finance Performance and Assets
- Health Care Quality
- Nominations Committee
- Research Development