



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORKS COMMITTEE

**INQUIRY INTO THE APPOINTMENTS OF JOSH MURRAY TO THE POSITION  
OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT FOR NSW AND EMMA WATTS AS NSW  
CROSS-BORDER ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

**HEARING – THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023**

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

**Answers are to be returned to the Committee secretariat by  
Thursday 28 September 2023.**

**Scott Gartrell, Chief of Staff to Minister for Transport**

1. Did Mr Murray complete a Meeting Disclosure Form for the meeting held with Minister Haylen on 4 April 2023?
2. Please provide a copy of the form.
3. Please provide copies of any emails or text messages relating to the meeting between Mr Murray and Minister Haylen on 4 April 2023.
4. What role did you play in developing the scenario for the assessment process?
5. Did you discuss this scenario with Mr Murray?
6. Who is the more senior minister, Minister Graham or Minister Haylen?
7. To which ministers is Transport for NSW responsible?
8. Did you pay for a ticket for Mr Llew Gartrell, General Manager, Government Relations, Stockland, to attend an election fund raising event for Minister Haylen?
9. Please provide a list of the Minister for Transport's appointments from 9 am to 5.45 pm on Thursday 31 August 2023.
10. On what date did you telephone Mr Murray and leave a message for him regarding his application for the position of Secretary?
11. What was the content of the message?

12. Please provide copies of texts showing you sent the job application link to two persons other than Josh Murray with names and phone numbers of those persons redacted.
13. In your evidence you state that “we certainly went through the Q&A with” the Minister for Transport. Did the Minister raise any objection or seek any clarification of the references in the Q and A to the Minister making “the final choice”; “I choose Josh Murray”; “candidates for the Minister to choose from”; “the Minister was then asked by the panel chair to interview the final two candidates and make the final decision”?
14. Is it your understanding that the Minister for Transport made the final decision to appoint Mr Murray?
15. When did you tell the Minister for Transport that Mr Murray had applied for the position?
16. Did you discuss other applicants with the Minister for Transport prior to 28 June 2023?
17. Did the Minister express a view on Mr Murray or any other applicants prior to 28 June 2023?
18. In a text Mr Murray sent to you at 7.03 pm on Monday 10 July 2023 he said “Apologies just on a call. Can I try you back shortly”. Did Mr Murray call you back on the evening of Monday 10 July 2023? If so, what did you discuss in that phone conversation?

## **Inquiry into the appointment of Josh Murray to the position of Secretary of Transport for NSW**

### **Answers to supplementary questions to Scott Gartrell**

1. The meeting was declared in line with the Ministers' Diary disclosure obligations.
2. As above
3. I have no e-mails in relation to the meeting with Josh Murray on April 4<sup>th</sup>
4. I provided my feedback to the draft that had been developed by DPC
5. No
6. This is a matter of public record.
7. This is a matter of public record.
8. I made a donation to the Summer Hill electorate fundraiser that was the equivalent of the cost of a table for 10 people and I invited guests.
9. The Minister's diary is disclosed regularly in line with her diary disclosure obligations.
10. I refer to my previous evidence.
11. I refer to my previous evidence
12. No longer held
13. The Minister has been clear in her public comments that she was asked by DPC to express her preference in relation to the two final candidates and she did so. The Minister is clear that the Secretary of the Premiers Department is the decision maker.
14. No
15. I cannot recall such a conversation
16. No
17. No
18. I cannot recall exactly when he returned my call, but it was around that time. I rang him to ask what his notice period would be if he was the successful candidate for the role of Transport Secretary as he was the only external candidate.