

Answers to Supplementary questions - Mr James Cullen, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon Chris Minns MP

- 1. When you told the Premier of Mr. McMahon's meeting request in late October last year, how did the Premier respond?**

I refer to my evidence within the Transcript of the hearing of Monday 21 October 2021.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/transcripts/3397/Transcript%20-%20UNCORRECTED%20-%20Rosehill%20Racecourse%20-%202021%20October%202024.pdf>

- 2. What other contact are you aware of between the Premier and Mr. McMahon regarding the sale of Rosehill after 30 October 2023?**

I do not recall any other contact between the Premier and Mr McMahon after 30 October 2023 regarding the sale of Rosehill.

- 3. What is your past relationship with Mr. McMahon as members of the Bowen sub-faction of the NSW Right?**

I reject the premise of the question as it contains imputations.

- 4. Why wasn't Mr. McMahon's request to rezone Rosehill for housing referred to the Planning Department?**

The Australian Turf Club proposal Rosehill Gardens Racecourse Unsolicited Proposal is being progressed in accordance with the government's Unsolicited Proposals Guide for Submission and Assessment (**USP Guide**).

The USP Guide provides that 'the unsolicited proposals process is not designed to replace applicable environmental and planning assessment processes. If the Government decides to progress an unsolicited

proposal, that should not be interpreted as any form of explicit or tacit support for planning approvals.'

- 5. Since taking office, how many applicants for housing development, following meetings with the Premier, have been referred by your office to the Cabinet Office for assistance?**

The Premier meets with a wide variety of stakeholders, some of whom require follow up and are appropriately referred to the relevant department.

- 6. For each of the applicants in (5) above, how long did it take to:**
- a. Organize a meeting with the Premier after their initial approach, and**
 - b. Receive advice from the Cabinet Office?**

I refer to my previous answer.

- 7. When ICAC announced its judgment in the Berejiklian matter in June last year did you ensure the Premier read it, or at least was briefed on it? What are the details?**

The Premier was briefed on the matter.

- 8. Was it understood in your office, re (7) above, that if Premiers maintain or advance their close personal relationships in the exercise of their public duties it can be found by ICAC to constitute corrupt conduct?**

All ministers, including the Premier, are required to comply with the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct and the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.

- 9. In your evidence you repeatedly relied on evidence about the USP process from Simon Draper. Given Mr. Draper's earlier responsibility for**

the disaster of the hole in the ground at Central Barangaroo and now the debacle of the attempted sale of Rosehill Gardens, wouldn't it be better to rely on actual urban planning experts in the NSW Department of Planning and for Mr. Draper to stick to his expertise running airports in the Northern Territory?

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