

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE DURAL CARAVAN INCIDENT AND
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES ON LEGISLATION**

Inquiry Hearing: Monday, 7 April 2025

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Answers due by:

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Ms SUE HIGGINSON: Did you provide any further briefings to the Premier and the police Minister between the 21st and 7 March?

KAREN WEBB: We did have scheduled briefings as updates, the deputy commissioner and I. I can provide those. I don't have them in front of me immediately, but we had scheduled meetings.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: Is there any particular reason you didn't come today with notes? Is there any particular reason that you don't have documents that you can refer to?

DAVID HUDSON: I'm not sure I need them.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: No, I gather that.

KAREN WEBB: We prepared responses to the SO 52s and they're all in that material. I can get that reasonably easily for you.

ANSWER

DATE	TIME (DURATION)	LOCATION	INVITED ATTENDEES
20 January 2025	9.25am	Via phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Acting Commissioner Peter Thurtell APM
	9.37am	Via phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Acting Commissioner Peter Thurtell APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Assistant Commissioner Mark Walton APM - Acting Chief of Staff, Detective Superintendent Darrin Batchelor - Staff from the Premier's office
21 January 2025	9:30am	PEO Boardroom (prior to the press conference held regarding childcare centre incident in Maroubra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prime Minister, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Acting Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, the Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC - Acting Commissioner Peter Thurtell APM - A/Deputy Commissioner Peter McKenna APM - Acting Chief of Staff, Detective Superintendent Darrin Batchelor

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21 January 2025	6.00pm	In person briefing 52 Martin Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Acting Commissioner Peter Thurtell APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Acting Chief of Staff, Detective Superintendent Darrin Batchelor - Staff from the office of Minister Catley
23 January 2025	Operation Kitchener — 3.45pm to 4.15pm	52 Martin Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Deputy Secretary, Premier's Department, Ms Kate Meagher - Staff from the Premier's office
31 January 2025	Teams meeting – Police Brief 5pm to 5.30pm	Via Teams and phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Chief of Staff, Detective Chief Superintendent Michael Sheehy - Staff from the Premier's office - Deputy Commissioner's Staff Officer, Detective Inspector Richard Howe
3 February 2025	Teams meeting – Police Brief 5pm to 5.30pm	Via Teams and phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Chief of Staff, Detective Chief Superintendent Michael Sheehy - Secretary, Premier's Department, Mr Simon Draper - Staff from the Premier's office - Staff from the office of Minister Catley - Deputy Commissioner's Staff Officer, Detective Inspector Richard Howe

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4 February 2025	Teams meeting – Police Brief 4.30pm to 5pm	Via Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Chief of Staff, Detective Chief Superintendent Michael Sheehy - Secretary, Premier’s Department, Mr Simon Draper - Staff from the Premier’s office - Deputy Commissioner’s Staff Officer, Detective Inspector Richard Howe
5 February 2025	Teams meeting – Police Brief 4.30pm to 5pm	Via Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Chief of Staff, Detective Chief Superintendent Michael Sheehy - Secretary, Premier’s Department, Mr Simon Draper - Staff from the Premier’s office - Deputy Commissioner’s Staff Officer, Detective Inspector Richard Howe
7 February 2025	Teams meeting – Police Brief 4.30pm to 5pm	Via Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Commissioner of Police, Karen Webb APM - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM - Chief of Staff, Detective Chief Superintendent Michael Sheehy - Secretary, Premier’s Department, Mr Simon Draper - Staff from the Premier’s office - Deputy Commissioner’s Staff Officer, Detective Inspector Richard Howe
17 February 2025	Briefing: Police 9.30am to 10am	In person briefing Level 20, 52 Martin Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM
19 February 2025	Afternoon (about 10 minutes)	Via phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM

7 March 2025	Afternoon (about 10 minutes)	Via phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP - Deputy Commissioner David Hudson APM
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The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: You indicated that the AFP source was discredited on 21 February. DAVID HUDSON: Correct.

The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: But there was legal advice in relation to charges received on 5 March. DAVID HUDSON: Correct.

The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: When was that legal advice sought? You can take that on notice if you need.

DAVID HUDSON: I can. We had discussions about it. I'm not too sure of the exact date that our police requested that advice.

ANSWER

Legal advice was formally sought by the Joint Counter Terrorism Team on 25 February 2025 and received on 5 March 2025.

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Ms SUE HIGGINSON: I just wanted to ask about the Premier's briefing on 20 January and the police Minister's briefing on 20 January. How was the Premier's briefing given?

PETER THURTELL: As I've said, I rang him.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: And it was a short briefing. How long would you estimate that briefing was? PETER THURTELL: I think it was eight minutes, the extent of the phone call.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: And then the briefing, following that, to the police Minister?

PETER THURTELL: That was at 9.37 a.m., and that was about five minutes.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: And again on the phone?

PETER THURTELL: Yes.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: I think the briefing that happened on the 21st was with you, deputy. How did that briefing take place?

DAVID HUDSON: That was in person at the police executive offices.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: And that was with the police Minister?

DAVID HUDSON: Certainly the commissioner had returned. I believe he may have been doing a press conference in relation to child care that afternoon; I'm not sure. He may have been there for that, I think, but he wanted a briefing on the update on the caravan prior to that.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: The Premier?

DAVID HUDSON: Yes.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: Where do you recall that briefing was held?

DAVID HUDSON: In the commissioner's boardroom.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: And the police Minister was present for that one as well?

DAVID HUDSON: I believe so. I'll have to—

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: If you could check, please. Deputy Commissioner Hudson, with the incidences that —

DAVID HUDSON: The police Minister may be still on leave at that stage. I apologise. They wanted a briefing later on, so I think she was still on holidays.

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: You're going to provide us with a clear outline of those briefings, so if they could include where they happened and how long those briefings were, that would be very helpful.

ANSWER

Please refer to the answer provided in a table format on page 2 to 5.

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The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: Chair, with your indulgence, can I just ask, Commissioner, you have taken on notice that you're going to provide details of times and places and locations of briefings. Can you also provide a list of who was present at each of those briefings?

KAREN WEBB: I've got the dates of those briefings in terms of how they were conducted, but I'll have to take it on notice for who was in attendance.

The CHAIR: Perhaps your staff might be able to do that in the morning tea break for us.

KAREN WEBB: If they can ready that information, we will do that.

ANSWER

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The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: Yes, if you could, thank you. Commissioner, prior to the press conference, what was the last time you'd briefed the Premier about this?

KAREN WEBB: Likewise. I can give you the dates and I will have to get more time to get the answers in terms of those that were present and how long those meetings took.

The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: Yes, thank you.

KAREN WEBB: I could give that to you now.

The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: Perhaps if you just now give me the one immediately prior to 29 January, unless there was a briefing that occurred on 29 January.

KAREN WEBB: No, 23 January and then not again until 31 January.

The Hon. SUSAN CARTER: So the last briefing was 23 January, yet the Premier didn't require any further updates before a press conference on 29 January. Is that correct?

KAREN WEBB: That's correct.

ANSWER

Please refer to the answer provided in a table format on page 2 to 5.