

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026 Supplementary questions

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from the Hon Mark Latham MLC

For ICAC Hatzistergos

- (1) Did ICAC notify OLG of:
 - (a) the subject matter or
 - (b) the contents of its Brief Of Evidence against Bill Saravinovski to the ODPP (on 29 August 2024)?

If so, when did this occur?

- (2) Did ICAC's two s112 variations for OLG in the Saravinovski matter involve access to information that OLG ultimately used in its referral to NCAT, that is:
 - (a) the temper tantrums with Bayside staff, and
 - (b) the so-called partial declaration of a pecuniary interest?

If not, what did they involve?

(3) With charges now laid against him, has ICAC concluded its inquiries into Bill Saravinoski, concerning the various matters it has examined, dating back to 2016?

Questions from the Opposition

- (4) ICAC outlined in an email to The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham on the 4th of March that, "were a candidate to win office, and misuse their official functions to advocate the allocation of the promised funds, the Commission might have a basis for commencing an investigation or taking further preventative action in circumstances where the conduct came within s 8 of the ICAC Act and was not excluded by s 9 of the ICAC Act". Is this still the commission's view?
 - (a) In Budget Estimates on Tuesday 19 August 2025, there was a refusal to disclose whether or not the Minister had declared a conflict of interest over a \$50 million bridge project near her home under the Regional Roads Fund. If the Auditor General's report confirmed knowledge that the project with no business case and no benefit cost ratio,

- paid from the minister's own regional roads fund, had the perception of impropriety, would ICAC investigate the matter or pursue action under ss 8 and 9 of the Act?
- (5) The budget papers demonstrate a technology uplift for ICAC funded over 10 years. What is this project and how urgent is this project?
 - (a) Is this project fully resourced in the budget?