

The Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC
Chair
Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier & Finance
Budget Estimates Committee
NSW Parliament House

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Dear Chair,

I am writing in relation to the Budget Estimates hearing of 20 August 2025 with respect to the two questions taken on notice by the Chief Commissioner and the supplementary questions subsequently provided to the Commission.

Question 1 taken on notice

At page 50 of the transcript, the Chief Commissioner took on notice a question from the Hon. Mark Latham concerning whether the matter involving Mr Bill Saravinovski was the first time the Commission had ever referred the conduct of a councillor to the Office of Local Government (OLG).

A review of Commission records indicates that, between 1 January 2015 and 28 August 2025, 109 matters relating to councillors were referred to OLG pursuant to s 53 of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*.

Question 2 taken on notice

At page 51 of the transcript, the Chief Commissioner took on notice a question from the Hon. Mark Latham concerning whether complaints made by Bayside Council staff concerning Mr Saravinovski were made through the proper channels, being the general manager.

The Commission is not aware whether relevant staff complaints were made to the general manager.

Supplementary questions

The Commission's response to supplementary questions is set out in the attached document.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon Helen Murrell SC
A/ Chief Commissioner

2 September 2025

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