

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS IN NEWCASTLE AND THE BROADER HUNTER REGION

Supplementary Questions: Ms Carolyn McNally, Department of Planning and Environment

Question 1

Please confirm the dates and occasions on which Mr Hawes, as General Manager or consultant of the HDC declared a conflict of interest in relation to his ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station.

ANSWER

I am aware of four declarations of interest forms signed by Mr Bob Hawes, dated 14 February 2011, 21 November 2011, 19 February 2013 and 13 February 2014.

Question 2

In relation to each instance in (1) please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

See Attachment 1.

Question 3

Please provide all minute of the HDC Board on and from 1 January 2009 where the questions of Newcastle Urban renewal and/or the future or possible truncation of the Newcastle railway line were considered.

ANSWER

This is a matter that would be more appropriately answered by the HDC Board.

Question 4

In respect of each instance in (3) please advise each occasion Mr Hawes was present and on each occasion he declared a conflict of interest together with all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

This is a matter that would be more appropriately answered by the HDC Board.

Question 5.

When was the Minister responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station.

ANSWER

The management of declarations of potential conflicts of interest are matters for NSW government agencies.

Question 6

How was the Minister responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station and in what form? Please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

I refer to answer to question 5.

Question 7

When was the Board of the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station?

ANSWER

This is a matter that would be more appropriately answered by the HDC Board.

Question 8

How was the Board of the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station and in what form? Please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

This is a matter that would be more appropriately answered by the HDC Board.

Question 9

When was the Board of the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes' intention to increase his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest?

ANSWER

This is a matter that would be more appropriately answered by the HDC Board.

Question 10

When was the Board of the HDC first advised that Mr Hawes' increased his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest? Please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

This is a matter that would be more appropriately answered by the HDC Board.

Question 11

How was the Minister responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station and in what form? Please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

This is a repeat of question 6.

Question 12

When was Minister responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes' intention to increase his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest?

ANSWER

I refer to my answer to question 5.

Question 13

When was Minister responsible for the HDC first advised that Mr Hawes' increased his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest? Please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

I refer to my answer to question 5.

Question 14

When Mr Hawes submitted draft ministerial correspondence to then Minister Hazzard office under his signature dated 27 February 2012 did Mr Hawes' disclose his ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station?

ANSWER

I refer to my answer to question 5.

Question 15

If the answer to (14) is yes please advise in what form the disclosure was made and please provide all supporting documentation.

ANSWER

I refer to my answer to question 5.

Question 16

If the answer to (14) is no please advise why this conflict of interest was not disclosed.

ANSWER

I refer to my answer to question 5.

Question 17

Please note that in relation to these questions "HDC" is a reference to the Hunter Development Corporation including in its former name as the Honeysuckle Development Corporation.