

**19 ORDER FOR PAPERS—DEPARTMENT LIAISON OFFICERS IN THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

Mrs Ward, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 388 as follows:

- (1) Omit "14 days" and insert instead "18 days".
- (2) In paragraph (d) insert at the end "or communication received by the Office of the Minister for Transport from Department Liaison Officers inside the office of the Minister for Transport, not including ministerial correspondence concerning private individual constituents or representations on behalf of private individual constituents by Members of Parliament,".

Mrs Ward moved, according to notice, as by leave amended, private members' business item no. 388: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 18 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 28 March 2023 in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Transport, Transport for NSW, The Cabinet Office, or the Premier's Department relating to Department Liaison Officers in the office of the Minister for Transport:

- (a) all documents relating to the appointment, secondment or duties of Department Liaison Officers to the office of the Minister for Transport,
- (b) all briefs or briefings sent, received or approved by the Minister for Transport, the Secretary of Transport for NSW, or the former Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW relating to the appointment, secondment or duties of Department Liaison Officers to the office of the Minister for Transport,
- (c) all communication relating to the appointment, secondment or duties of Department Liaison Officers to the office of the Minister for Transport, sent or received by:
  - (i) the Minister for Transport,
  - (ii) the office of the Minister for Transport,
  - (iii) the former Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW, Mr Howard Collins,
  - (iv) the Secretary of Transport for NSW,
  - (v) the office of the Secretary of Transport for NSW,
  - (vi) any person employed by Transport for NSW,
- (d) all communication created or sent by Department Liaison Officers in the office of the Minister for Transport or communication received by the Office of the Minister for Transport from Department Liaison Officers inside the office of the Minister for Transport, not including ministerial correspondence concerning private individual constituents or representations on behalf of private individual constituents by Members of Parliament,
- (e) all documents created in response to media inquiries regarding Department Liaison Officers in the office of the Minister for Transport, and
- (f) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

Debate ensued.

Ms Sharpe moved: That the question be amended by omitting paragraph (d) and inserting instead:

- "(d) all correspondence generated by a Department Liaison Officer, between the Department Liaison Officer and the Minister for Transport and the Department Liaison Officer and the staff of the Minister for Transport, that contravenes their requirement to be politically neutral and impartial."

Debate continued.

Dr Kaine sought the leave of the House to speak beyond the time for debate.

Objection taken.

Leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Ms Moriarty moved: That the question be amended by omitting paragraph (d) and inserting instead:

"(d) all documents generated by a Department Liaison Officer, between the Department Liaison Officer and the Minister and/or between the Department Liaison Officer and staff in the Office of the Minister for Transport, not including ministerial correspondence concerning private individual constituents or representations on behalf of private individuals or constituents by Members of Parliament".

Debate continued.

Amendment of Ms Sharpe, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Question: That the amendment of Ms Moriarty be agreed to—put and passed.

Original question, as amended: That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 18 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 28 March 2023 in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Transport, Transport for NSW, The Cabinet Office, or the Premier's Department relating to Department Liaison Officers in the office of the Minister for Transport:

- (a) all documents relating to the appointment, secondment or duties of Department Liaison Officers to the office of the Minister for Transport,
- (b) all briefs or briefings sent, received or approved by the Minister for Transport, the Secretary of Transport for NSW, or the former Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW relating to the appointment, secondment or duties of Department Liaison Officers to the office of the Minister for Transport,
- (c) all communication relating to the appointment, secondment or duties of Department Liaison Officers to the office of the Minister for Transport, sent or received by:
  - (i) the Minister for Transport,
  - (ii) the office of the Minister for Transport,
  - (iii) the former Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW, Mr Howard Collins,
  - (iv) the Secretary of Transport for NSW,
  - (v) the office of the Secretary of Transport for NSW,
  - (vi) any person employed by Transport for NSW,
- (d) all documents generated by a Department Liaison Officer, between the Department Liaison Officer and the Minister and/or between the Department Liaison Officer and staff in the Office of the Minister for Transport, not including ministerial correspondence concerning private individual constituents or representations on behalf of private individuals or constituents by Members of Parliament,
- (e) all documents created in response to media inquiries regarding Department Liaison Officers in the office of the Minister for Transport, and
- (f) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House—put and passed.