

29 ORDER FOR PAPERS—COUNCILLOR SARAH RICHARDS, HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL

Mr Buttigieg moved, according to sessional order: That private members' business item no. 1714 be considered in a short form format.

Question put and passed.

Mr Buttigieg by leave, amended private members' business item no. 1714 by omitting all words after "standing order 52" and inserting instead:

- (a) there be laid upon the table of the House within 7 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment, Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, New South Wales Electoral Commission relating to investigations concerning Councillor Sarah Richards, Hawkesbury City Council:
- (i) all documents, including all reports, reviews, recommendations, emails, text messages and correspondence, relating to potential or actual investigation of Councillor Sarah Richards, including investigation of Matthew Bennett, in respect of an alleged false declaration statement, of not being a property developer or close associate thereof, on her public disclosure statement,
 - (ii) all documents relating to decisions by the Office of Local Government, the Minister for Local Government or the Department of Planning and Environment, not to investigate Councillor Sarah Richards or Matthew Bennett,
 - (iii) all documents, including all referrals, reviews, briefing, and correspondence, from the Minister Local Government, the Office of Local Government or the Department of Planning and Environment provided to the NSW Electoral Commission relating to Councillor Sarah Richards or Matthew Bennett,
 - (iv) 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, and
- (b) there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment, Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, New South Wales Electoral Commission relating to investigations concerning Councillor Sarah Richards, Hawkesbury City Council:
- (i) all documents created since 1 January 2021 concerning the powers or processes of the Office of Local Government or NSW Electoral Commission as they relate to investigation of allegations of false declaration statements,
 - (ii) 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.

Mr Buttigieg moved, according to notice, as by leave amended: That, under standing order 52:

- (a) there be laid upon the table of the House within 7 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment, Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, New South Wales Electoral Commission relating to investigations concerning Councillor Sarah Richards, Hawkesbury City Council:
- (i) all documents, including all reports, reviews, recommendations, emails, text messages and correspondence, relating to potential or actual investigation of Councillor Sarah Richards, including investigation of Matthew Bennett, in respect of an alleged false declaration statement, of not being a property developer or close associate thereof, on her public disclosure statement,
 - (ii) all documents relating to decisions by the Office of Local Government, the Minister for Local Government or the Department of Planning and Environment, not to investigate Councillor Sarah Richards or Matthew Bennett,
 - (iii) all documents, including all referrals, reviews, briefing, and correspondence, from the Minister Local Government, the Office of Local Government or the Department

- of Planning and Environment provided to the NSW Electoral Commission relating to Councillor Sarah Richards or Matthew Bennett,
- (iv) 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, and
- (b) there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents, in electronic format if possible, in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment, Office of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet, New South Wales Electoral Commission relating to investigations concerning Councillor Sarah Richards, Hawkesbury City Council:
- (i) all documents created since 1 January 2021 concerning the powers or processes of the Office of Local Government or NSW Electoral Commission as they relate to investigation of allegations of false declaration statements,
- (ii) 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.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes21
 Noes 13
 Majority.....8

AYES

Banasiak	Field	Nile
Borsak	Graham	Pearson
Boyd	Hurst	Primrose
Buttigieg (teller)	Jackson	Roberts
D'Adam (teller)	Latham	Secord
Donnelly	Mookhey	Sharpe
Fachrmann	Moriarty	Veitch

NOES

Amato	Franklin	Poulos
Cusack	Maclaren-Jones	Rath
Fang	Mallard (teller)	Taylor
Farlow (teller)	Martin	Tudehope
Farraway		

PAIRS

Houssos	Mitchell
Moselmane	Barrett
Searle	Ward

Question resolved in the affirmative.