



Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Carrick MLA, Ms Tough MLA

Addressed to: Dr Margot McNeill

In relation to: Leave or projects at time of resignation

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Dr McNeill took on notice the following question(s):

MS CARRICK: So this is the special project that is referred to?

Dr McNeill: Yes, yes.

MS CARRICK: So you worked on that special project up until when you resigned?

Dr McNeill: Yes, on and off. I had some personal leave, but again I will come back.

[...]

MS TOUGH: I am just going to pick up a few things that other colleagues have mentioned, and apologies if I missed this earlier, but from my reading of the New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission documents, it appears you were on special leave from November 2024 without duties until your resignation, but the recruitment documents say you are on a special project. Were you on leave or a special project during the CIT recruitment process?

Dr McNeill: A mixture.

MS TOUGH: A mixture.

Dr McNeill: A mixture.

MS TOUGH: Can you give a breakdown of when was leave and when was special project?

Dr McNeill: I will have to take that on notice to get specific details about—

MS TOUGH: Yes, okay. If you could come back with dates of what the leave and what kind of leave that was and then the dates you were working on the special project. That would be really helpful. Thank you.

Dr McNeill: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

At my request, I was placed on special leave on 13 November 2024.

I had a mix of annual leave and carer's leave booked from between 20 December 2024 and 28 January 2025.

Before and after these dates of leave I participated in the tertiary harmonisation work until my resignation.