



Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: MR THOMAS EMERSON MLA

Addressed to: MINISTER FOR SKILLS, TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Reference: CIT CEO

Hearing: 30 March 2026

In relation to: CIT CEO Recruitment questions

Question received: 08/04/2026

Answer Due: 15/04/2026

(1) Have you, as the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations, had any contact with your NSW counterpart, the Hon Steve Whan MP, in relation to this matter, and if so, what was the nature of those interactions?

(2) Do you have confidence in Dr McNeill's ability as CIT CEO to collaborate effectively with TAFE NSW, given her history with that institution and ongoing legal disputes in relation to that history, considering the importance of cross jurisdictional collaboration between CIT and TAFE NSW?

(3) How many current or former TAFE NSW staff have contacted you or your office to raise concerns about Dr McNeill's appointment as CEO of CIT?

(4) Is Dr McNeill currently being investigated by NSW's ICAC?

MR MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) No.

(2) Oversight of the CEO's performance, including their capacity to collaborate effectively with other jurisdictions and institutions, is a matter for the CIT Board. I have sought assurances from the Chair on the due diligence undertaken to select and appoint the CEO and requested an Independent Review of the recruitment process.

(3) Nobody identifying as a current or former TAFE NSW staff member has contacted me or my office raising concerns of this nature.

(4) I am not aware of any such investigation. Generally the ICAC will neither confirm nor deny that it is conducting an investigation before a matter is able to be made public.

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Date: 20-4-26

By the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations, Michael Pettersson MLA