



Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Parton MLA

Addressed to: Mr Michael Pettersson

In relation to: CEO leave during court proceedings

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Mr Michael Pettersson took on notice the following question(s):

MR PARTON: Thank you. Thank you. In question time last week in response to a question—in fact, I think you have made that redundant, which is what you want to hear really, isn't it? Documents obtained from the Industrial Relations Commission New South Wales show that Dr McNeill lodged an application for unfair dismissal against TAFE New South Wales on 14 January this year. A hearing was held this month with the decision handed down on 13 March. The documents also show that Dr McNeill provided a witness statement to the IRC on 24 Feb, 2026. Minister, can I ask, was Dr McNeill on leave from her position as CEO of CIT when she was participating in her IRC action against TAFE New South Wales over the period of January to March of this year?

Mr Pettersson: Thank you for the question, Mr Parton. I will take that on notice and seek advice from CIT as to the nature of any leave requests. As you will appreciate, personal records for individual employees are a matter for CIT that I do not have available to me, so I have taken that on notice and I will seek that answer for you.

Mr Michael Pettersson: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The CIT have advised me that Dr McNeill retrospectively applied for leave for the time in question.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Date: 15.4.26

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