

Select Committee on the Proposal to Develop Rosehill Racecourse

Supplementary and Questions on Notice – Ms Katie Knight, Executive Director Commercial Transactions

Questions on Notice

QUESTION (Page 36)

The Hon. WES FANG: Ms Knight, is it usual that, where there's an email that's forwarded to Investment NSW by somebody from the Cabinet Office that has a drawing and asks about a metro station, you then authorise your department to provide a document with four distinct circumstances where a proposal might be discussed and looked at by government without having sought consideration or clarification as to what is being asked beforehand? Is that normal? And also then give it a project name?

KATIE KNIGHT: I think I've explained that the advice we provided is very standard advice that we provide to Transport or Health or anyone that asks. It may be provided internally to government, or we may walk into a pre-lodgement meeting with a potential proponent and we may have no information at all about what they are going to propose.

The Hon. WES FANG: How many projects have project names in your office?

KATIE KNIGHT: I couldn't tell you the answer to that.

The Hon. WES FANG: Can you take that on notice? Because I'd be curious to know how many emails develop a project name when received by your office.

KATIE KNIGHT: I can take it on notice. I'm not sure we keep that data, but I can take it on notice.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Related to that, could I ask on which occasions you've recommended USPs for land development associated with a metro?

KATIE KNIGHT: I'm not going to discuss the pre-lodgement discussions we have with potential proponents. I can't do that; they're confidential.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: No, but on how many occasions has something like this happened? Is this the only one, or is it a dozen a year, one a month, three a week?

KATIE KNIGHT: I have had them before. I couldn't tell you how many times.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Could you take that on notice, please? Because we were told earlier that the only other metro with a USP is Martin Place, which is obviously a very different circumstance to Rosehill, the only one that went ahead.

KATIE KNIGHT: Sorry, I'm referring to conversations with potential proponents regarding housing, potential housing—

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: No, not conversations, recommendations of a USP. Mr Murphy said, Ms Knight, you recommended the USP out of this options document for Project Wattle.

KATIE KNIGHT: That's right, and I have done that before in alternative situations.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: I'm asking you if can take on notice how many times over the last 18 months, with this housing supply issue, you've recommended USPs for housing development with a metro.

KATIE KNIGHT: Yes, I can take it on notice.

ANSWER

Nine projects have been assigned a project name since 2022. Five unsolicited proposals have been lodged that involve both a housing and railway/Metro station commercial proposal in the last 18 months.

Appropriate details, including category (or sector/industry), of Unsolicited Proposals received since financial year 2019 are available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/unsolicited-proposals/reports-and-resources>.