

Question on Notice
No. 1983
Asked on 26 November 2009

MR DEMPSEY asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's staff member, Ms Nicole Scurrah –

- (1) What date was Ms Scurrah appointed Deputy Chief of Staff?
- (2) Since her appointment, on what dates has Ms Scurrah taken part in meetings that included representatives from her former employer, Enhance?
- (3) On what occasions did Ms Scurrah have meetings with Enhance clients for whom she had worked as a lobbyist and who were those clients?

ANSWER:

Ms Nicole Scurrah was appointed as Deputy Chief of Staff effective from 14 April 2009.

As the Member should be aware, Enhance Corporate Pty Ltd's current entry on the Register of Lobbyists is publicly available on the website of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The register lists 84 third party clients that currently retain, or have previously retained, the services of Enhance Corporate to provide lobbying services. Many of these clients are major businesses and organisations and representatives of Government, including my staff, have regular dealings with many of them.

I have no reason to believe any of my staff have acted inappropriately in their dealings with current or former clients of Enhance Corporate. If the Member has evidence of any wrongdoing, he has an obligation to immediately refer the matter to the relevant authority for full investigation.