



# Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

**Hearing Date: 23 October 2023**

**Questions taken on notice**

**Directed to: Commonwealth Games Australia**

**Received Date:** 27 October 2023

1. **Joe McCracken, page 6**

**Question Asked:**

Are you able to provide a list of when you had those meetings at least?

**Response:**

In addition to regular meetings such as the V2026 Organising Committee (OC) Board and the V2026 Games Delivery Partner (OCG, OC, CGF, CGFP, CGA) CEOs Group, there were two stand-alone meetings held in April 2023 to discuss the OC budget pressures. They were:

15 April 2023 at 4.30pm

19 April 2023 at 8.00am

Present were representatives of the OC, CGF, CGFP and CGA.

The OC performed the secretariat function for the OC Board and the CEOs Group. They are best placed to provide details of these meetings.

2. **Joe McCracken, page 6**

**Question Asked:**

You touched on some of the cost mitigation strategies. Can you give a bit more detail about some of those recommendations you might have given to reduce or mitigate the costs that you talked about, the blowouts?

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Were there any more, or were they just like co-location of temporary facilities? I know you talked about that.

**Response:**

In preparation for the stand-alone budget meetings (noted in response to Question 1 above), the attendees were provided with a “Cabinet-in-Confidence” document dealing with cost mitigation strategies for the OC. I am not at liberty to share this document.

Provided below is an overview of the types of mitigations discussed:

- Consolidation of venues to be used eg all T20 Cricket at Kardinia Park, Coastal Rowing to Triathlon venue
- Reduce use of temporary venues or venues requiring significant temporary overlay eg Track Cycling moved to John Cain Arena, Swimming/Diving at Kardinia Park or Melbourne Sports & Aquatics Centre
- Removal of Hosting Hub
- Reduce the Sports Program
- Reduce the Cultural Program eg a scaled back Ceremonies and live site program
- Reduce security regime to be more in line with other major events

3. **David Davis, page 21**

**Question Asked:**

So the details of that meeting – would you provide the date and any notes that went either in or out of that meeting? ...

**Response:**

The date and time of the meeting between CGA and Minister Allan was 26 April 2023 at 1.00pm. Attending the meeting were Minister Allan supported by Diana Tremigliozi and Cathy Simmonds and, from CGA, Ben Houston (President), John Lamont (Manager, Government Relations) and me.

I am not in possession of any notes from the meeting.

4. **David Davis, page 21**

**Question Asked:**

There was one other thing: the control group that you mentioned you were a member of. Can we have the minutes and agendas from that, please?

**Response:**

As noted in the response to Question 1 above, the OC provided the secretariat function for the CEOs Group. They are best placed to provide the minutes and agendas. I have no authority to do so.