

ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS

Hon Colin Brooks MP (Speaker), Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC (President)

PRESIDING OFFICERS

1. Regarding personal information provided electronically by regional members to PwC as part of its Review of Members' Second Residence Allowance, has this information been deleted, or will be securely held? (Page 11 of the Presiding Officers transcript)

PwC has confirmed that in line with their contractual obligations, they will retain a set of audit workpapers with any information required to support their conclusions. Any information required is held securely in line with their robust information security policies that restrict access to the information both internally and externally.

2. When did the Member for Melton stop claiming the second residence allowance? (Page 12 of the Presiding Officers transcript)

Mr Nardella sent Clerk of the Legislative Assembly an email on 27 February 2017 requesting that he cease receiving the second residence allowance from that day. Payroll confirmed that Mr Nardella did not receive any second residence allowance for the pay of 2 March 2017. As that pay period commenced on 19 February 2017, Mr Nardella effectively ceased receiving the allowance from that date.

3. Will the timber used in the new parliamentary Offices be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council? (Pages 14 of the Presiding Officers transcript)

The Victorian Mountain Ash specified for both solid and veneer timbers is certified by "Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)".

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is an international non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) through independent third-party certification.

PEFC works throughout the entire forest supply chain to promote good practice in the forest and to ensure that timber and non-timber forest products are produced with respect for the highest ecological, social and ethical standards. Thanks to its eco-label, customers and consumers are able to identify products from sustainably managed forests.

PEFC is an umbrella organization. It works by endorsing national forest certification systems developed through multi-stakeholder processes and tailored to local priorities and conditions

Each national forest certification system undergoes rigorous third-party assessment against PEFC's unique Sustainability Benchmarks to ensure consistency with international requirements.

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization established in 1993 to promote responsible management of the world's forests. The FSC does this by setting standards on forest products, along with certifying and labeling them as eco-friendly. As such both organizations provide the same level of certification.