



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics

27 February 2025

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Mr Simon Draper PSM
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By e-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Simon Draper PSM

As you may be aware on 20 February 2025, the NSW Legislative Assembly referred to its Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics, the following matter for inquiry and report:

- (1) The implications for this House of orders for the production of papers held by the Executive pertaining to the operations of the office of Speaker; and
- (2) Any related matters.

I wish to advise that the Committee has formally commenced its inquiry and, in doing so, resolved to write to you in relation to the Order for Papers made by the NSW Legislative Council under Standing Order 52 on Wednesday, 19 February 2025. That Order for Papers concerns Office Holders and vehicle and aviation use and seeks production at paragraph (a) of 'all driver and car logbooks and other records relating to the transport services section of the Premier's Department since 25 March 2023 covering the vehicle use and requests for vehicle use', including as per subparagraph (iii) by "current and former Speakers of the Legislative Assembly".

It was the unanimous decision of the Committee that I write to you as Chair to indicate that, in light of the inquiry referral received from the Legislative Assembly, the Committee asks that you make no decision to comply with paragraph (a)(iii) of the Legislative Council's Order for Papers. In particular, the Committee considers that complying with the Order would be inappropriate while the Committee's inquiry is in progress and before it has had an opportunity to report to the Legislative Assembly. I note that the return is due on 12 March 2025. The Committee intends to report to the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any enquiries concerning this correspondence or the Committee's current inquiry referral please contact the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Ms Helen Minnican, on 9230 2222 or [REDACTED]. In the Clerk's absence, Ms Carly Maxwell, the Deputy Clerk, can be contacted on 9230 2224 or [REDACTED] and email carly.maxwell@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich MP
Chair

cc. Ms Kate Boyd PSM, Secretary, The Cabinet Office

