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Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics
Parliament of New South Wales
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By email: Ethics.Committee@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Re: Order for papers under Standing Order 52 of the Legislative Council – Office holder vehicle and aviation use

Dear Mr Greenwich,

I refer to your letter to the Secretary of the Premier's Department dated 27 February 2025 in relation to an order for papers made by the Legislative Council on 19 February 2025 concerning office holder vehicle and aviation use.

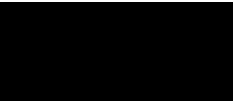
I note that the Committee is inquiring into the implications of the order for papers held by the Executive pertaining to the operations of the office of Speaker.

As you may be aware, on 26 February 2025 the Speaker, the Hon. Greg Piper MP, wrote to the Premier requesting that any records covered by the order for papers relating to the Speaker be provided to him and not to the Legislative Council.

On 4 March 2025 the Premier wrote to the Speaker confirming that any records relating to the Speaker will be provided to the Speaker by 12 March 2025 (the date by which a return to the order for papers is due to the Legislative Council). The Premier also confirmed that relevant records would not be produced to the Legislative Council in response to the order for papers.

I have also written to the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly indicating that it is proposed that records relating to the Leader of the Opposition and the President of the Legislative Council will be provided to those officeholders, consistent with the approach to be taken in relation to the Speaker.

Sincerely,


Mark Hare
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