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Terms of reference

The inquiry was conducted in accordance with standing orders 208 and 209.

Committee details

Committee members

Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals	
Ms Sue Higginson MLC	The Greens	
Hon Bob Nanva MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Rod Roberts MLC	Independent	

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Report

- 1.1 Standing orders 208 and 209 of the Legislative Council provide a mechanism for a person who has been adversely referred to by a member of the Legislative Council in proceedings of the House to seek a right of reply through the incorporation of a response in *Hansard* or in the *Minutes of Proceedings*.
- 1.2 On 8 October 2025, the President of the Legislative Council, the Hon Ben Franklin MLC, received a submission from Mr Steve Griffin requesting the incorporation of a response under standing orders 208 and 209.
- 1.3 The submission referred to comments made during debate in the Council by the Hon Emma Hurst MLC on 10 September 2025. The President, having considered the submission under standing order 208(2), referred it to the Privileges Committee on 16 October 2025.
- 1.4 The committee met in private session on 10 November 2025, and decided, according to standing order 209, to consider the submission. The response, which the committee now recommends for incorporation in *Hansard*, has been agreed to by Mr Griffin and the committee in accordance with standing order 209(4)(b).
- 1.5 The committee draws attention to standing order 203(3)(b) which requires that, in considering a submission seeking a citizen's right of reply, the committee must not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the House or in the submission.
- 1.6 The committee recommends:

Recommendation 1

That a response by Mr Griffin, in the terms specified at Appendix 1, as agreed to by Mr Griffin and the committee, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

The Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC
Chair

Appendix 1 Reply to comments made in the Legislative Council by the Hon Emma Hurst MLC

Legislative Council Hansard – 10 September 2025 – Proof (16.06)

Ms Hurst: “Members have no doubt seen recent media reports concerning allegations of **sexual assault** involving the former CEO of GWIC, now the CEO of Greyhound Racing NSW.”

Response: The suggestion that I have been the subject of sexual assault allegations is baseless and without any foundation whatsoever. This statement unfairly and unjustly impugns my personal and professional reputation.

Appendix 2 Minutes

Draft minutes no. 34

10 November 2025

Privileges Committee

Room 1254, NSW Parliament House, 10.07 am.

1. Members present

Mr Lawrence (*Chair*) (*by videoconference*)

Mrs Maclaren-Jones (*Deputy Chair*) (*by videoconference*)

Mr Fang (*by videoconference*)

Ms Higginson

Mr Nanva (*by videoconference*)

Mr Primrose

Mr Roberts

Secretariat staff in attendance: Stephen Frappell, Sharon Ohnesorge, Rhia Victorino, Madeleine Dowd, Peta Leemen.

2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Primrose: That draft minutes no. 32 and 33 be confirmed.

3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

Received

- 16 October 2025 – Letter from the President to the Chair referring to the Privileges Committee a submission from Mr Steve Griffin requesting a citizen's right of reply

Sent

- ***.

4. ***

5. ***

6. ***

7. Citizens right of reply – Mr Steve Griffin

The committee considered the request for a citizen's right of reply forwarded by the President from Mr Steve Griffin.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Roberts:

- That the Chair prepare and submit a draft report on the request for a citizen's right of reply by Mr Steve Griffin, recommending that a response by Mr Griffin in a form of words agreed to by Mr Griffin and the Committee be incorporated in Hansard.
- That the report be adopted.
- That the report be signed by the Chair and presented to the House or, if out of session, to the Clerk.
- That the Clerk advise the Hon Emma Hurst MLC and Mr Griffin of the proposed tabling of the report.

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10.53 am *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge
Committee Clerk

