



REPORT ON POSSIBLE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2009 MT PENNY ORDER FOR PAPERS

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The NSW Legislative Council Privileges Committee has today tabled a report entitled 'Possible non-compliance with the 2009 Mt Penny order for papers'.

The tabling of the report follows revelations that documents made public by the ICAC as part of Operation Jasper were seemingly not provided to Parliament in 2009 following an order for papers by the Legislative Council.

The House referred the matter to the Privileges Committee on 14 March 2013. It is the first time that the House has decided that the evidence before it of the non-provision of documents warranted formal investigation and report.

The report is a unanimous report of the Committee. Its key finding is that at least 124 documents identified to the President by the ICAC should, *prima facie*, have been provided to the House in 2009 in response to the 2009 Mt Penny order for papers.

It is vital to the protection of the powers of the House and the system of responsible government in New South Wales that this matter be investigated further. Accordingly, the report includes a recommendation for the House to refer a new inquiry to the Privileges Committee to investigate the reasons why documents were withheld from Parliament.

The Hon Trevor Khan
Chair

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