



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO ORDER

Privileges Committee will not request Macdonald ICAC submission

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The Legislative Council Privileges Committee has decided it will not take up the invitation given by former Minister Ian Macdonald for him to provide a submission regarding his response to the ICAC hearings into Mt Penny. Mr Macdonald offered this submission to the Committee twice during his evidence yesterday.

The Committee considers such a submission is not relevant to its inquiry, which is concerned with the reasons why at least 124 documents were not provided in a return to order tabled in the Legislative Council on 26 November 2009 concerning the Mt Penny mining exploration license and tender process. The full terms of reference can be found on the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcprivilege.

The committee further advises that it will hold additional hearings into the issue. Currently the committee is waiting upon a submission from the Department of Trade and Investment following a review commissioned by the Director General into the reasons why certain documents were not produced in 2009. When the Committee receives this submission it will schedule its next hearing.

The Hon Trevor Khan
Chair

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