



INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO ORDER

Committee to hand down report after six month inquiry

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The report of Privileges Committee of the Legislative Council into the 2009 Mt Penny return to order will be tabled in the Legislative Council on Thursday 31 October 2013.

The Committee's inquiry concerned the failure to provide documents in the return to order tabled in the House on 26 November 2009 concerning the Mt Penny mining exploration licence and tender process. In particular, the Committee sought to determine the reasons for the failure to provide documents in the return and the identity of the person or persons whose actions resulted in the failure to provide documents.

The report is the culmination of a comprehensive inquiry undertaken by the Privileges Committee over almost six months. The Committee's activities included five days of hearings at which it received evidence from current and former public sector employees and from current and former Members of Parliament, including the former Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Ian Macdonald.

Following its tabling in the House, the report will be made public and will be available on the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcprivilege. A further media release will also be published on the tabling of the report.

The Hon Trevor Khan
Chair

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