



INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO ORDER

Privileges Committee continues to take evidence

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The Legislative Council Privileges Committee held a further hearing on Monday 26 August 2013 as part of its inquiry into the 2009 order for papers concerning the Mt Penny mining exploration licence and tender process.

As part of the hearing, the Committee took *in camera* evidence from a number of witnesses. The Committee has today resolved to publish the evidence of three of those witnesses. The Committee emphasizes that each of the witnesses gave evidence voluntarily and fully co-operated with the Committee.

Also at the hearing the Clerk of the Parliaments gave evidence in response to recommendations from the Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding the order for papers process.

The Committee also resolved on Monday to publish in full the 'Maddocks Report', which was commissioned by the Department of Trade & Investment to investigate the failure of the Department of Primary Industry (now part of Trade & Investment) to provide certain documents in response to the 2009 order for papers.

While the report comes to some conclusions regarding the reasons why the Department failed to fully comply with the 2009 order for papers, the Committee will continue to take evidence to come to its own view as to the reasons behind the failure by the Department to produce the documents sought in 2009.

The Committee intends to hold a further public hearing in the near future and anticipates that it will report its findings to the Parliament before the end of the year.

The Hon Trevor Khan
Chair