

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO POSSIBLE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2009 MT PENNY ORDER FOR PAPERS

Committee holds its first meeting

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On 14 March 2013, the NSW Legislative Council referred to the Privileges Committee an inquiry into whether documents identified by the ICAC and tabled in the House on 14 March 2013 should, *prima facie*, have been provided in the return to order tabled in this House on 26 November 2009 concerning the Mt Penny mining exploration licence and tender process, and if so, what further action the House should take, including any possible further involvement by the ICAC.

The Committee met to consider the matter on Tuesday, 19 March 2013. At the meeting, it was resolved that advice be obtained from leading Senior Counsel whether documents identified by the ICAC should, *prima facie*, have been tabled in the House.

The Committee is pleased to report that Mr Bret Walker, an eminent Senior Counsel, has agreed to provide advice to the Committee.

The Committee is due to meet again on 16 April 2013, at which it will consider the advice from Mr Walker. The Committee is due to report to the House on 30 April 2013.

No further comment will be made by the Committee until the Committee reports to the House.

The Hon Trevor Khan Chair

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