PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO ORDER

Privileges Committee to hold further hearings

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The Legislative Council Privileges Committee will hold a further hearing on Tuesday 23 July 2013 as part of its inquiry into the 2009 order for papers concerning the Mt Penny mining exploration license and tender process.

The Committee has resolved to invite former Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Ian Macdonald, to give evidence, but is yet to receive confirmation of his attendance at the hearing.

The current inquiry was referred to the Privileges Committee on 7 May 2013 following a previous inquiry in which the Committee found that at least 124 documents received by the ICAC in the course of its recent investigations should, prima facie, have been 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 Hon Trevor Khan Chair

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