



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO ORDER

Submissions invited for new inquiry

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The Privileges Committee of the Legislative Council will begin a new inquiry into the Mt Penny order for papers by inviting submissions from some of the key individuals involved in the 2009 return.

An inquiry recently concluded by the Committee found at least 124 of the documents received by the ICAC should, prima facie, have been provided in the original return. On 7 May 2013, the NSW Legislative Council referred to the Privileges Committee an inquiry into the reasons why documents identified by the ICAC and tabled in the House on 14 March 2013 were not provided in the return to order tabled in the House 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

At its meeting on 7 May the Committee resolved to invite submissions from former Ministers, former and current Director Generals and former Chiefs of Staff among other individuals. No inference can be drawn from individuals being invited to make submissions that they are in any way responsible for any non-compliance.

The Committee also welcomes submissions from any individuals who are able to provide information on the preparation of the 2009 return to order.

The Committee is due to meet again on 28 May 2013, at which it will consider holding hearings in June.

The Hon Trevor Khan
Chair

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