

**Submission**

**No 7**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO ORDER**

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Dear Mr Khan

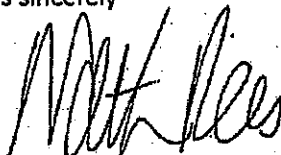
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Recommendations for consideration by the committee:

- All Ministerial staff to receive training from Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding Standing Order 52;
- That the Ministerial Code of Conduct be amended to make explicit an expectation that Ministers arrange handovers when portfolio changes occur;
- That in the event of S052 orders applying at the time of a Ministerial changeover, the Chair of the relevant Committee write to incoming Ministers advising them of the Order. In such a case, the relevant committee may consider restarting the clock for the due date
- That the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet make handovers between incoming and outgoing Chiefs of Staff (In the event of Cabinet reshuffle ) mandatory. They should be attended by the Director General or their delegate, and amongst other things on a checklist, the specific issues of live standing order 52 and live GIPA requests should be canvassed.
- That the relevant committee give consideration to making it explicit that good faith supplementary returns can be made, post the initial return date. (By way of example, an individual on leave overseas with emails in their computer may not have adequate opportunity to comply with an order).

Thank you for the opportunity to consider these matters.

Yours sincerely



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Member for Toongabbie