



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022–2023

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Dear Madam Speaker

Select Committee on Estimates 2022–2023: Privilege and contempt matters

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Chair of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022–2023 (Committee).

The Committee has this morning resolved to raise with you a matter of privilege in accordance with standing order 276. The matter is Prohibition Notice issued on Friday, 12 August 2022 by WorkSafe ACT which seeks to prohibit the committee from:

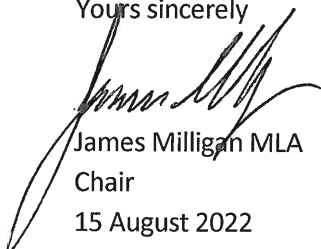
Undertaking any hearings or committee meetings at Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory until a risk assessment has been undertaken, adequate control measures are implemented in line with the Hierarchy of Control, and consultation has been undertaken with all affected workers.

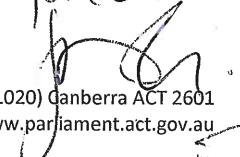
The Committee considers that this action constitutes a contempt under standing order 277 (a) because it interferes with the Assembly or a committee of its authority. The Committee notes that the effect of this notice is to materially impact the operation of the Committee in holding the 2022-2023 Estimates hearings or meetings.

The Committee brings to the Speaker's attention the extraordinary disruption already created by this notice as the Committee has this morning been forced to meet at a venue outside of the Legislative Assembly to discuss this matter.

In accordance with the procedure set out in Chapter 26 of the standing orders, the Committee asks that you first determine whether this matter merits precedence over other business (SO276(c)), and in fact, give the matter precedence so that I may move a motion to refer the matter to a select committee appointed by the Assembly to inquire into these breaches of the standing orders which are harming the integrity of the Estimates process.

Yours sincerely


James Milligan MLA
Chair
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⇒ I agree that this
matter has precedence.


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