



Media release

Report of Select Committee on Privileges released

The Select Committee on Privileges has released its report entitled “Inquiry into possible contempt of an Assembly Committee”.

The Committee was established on 6 May 2026 to examine whether, in relation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration’s inquiry into the CIT CEO process, Dr Margot McNeill was in contempt of the Assembly by giving false and misleading evidence to the Committee, failing to produce documents and any related matters.

The Committee found that as a result of Dr McNeill’s continued refusal to engage with the Assembly’s Committees in a cooperative manner, the Committee was unable to, with any confidence, find whether or not Dr McNeill was in contempt of the Assembly pursuant to standing orders 277 and 278.

The Committee also found that Dr McNeill’s overly litigious and combative approach to the Committee’s inquiries raises concerns about whether her conduct is inconsistent with public sector values and undermines the integrity and reputation of the service, contrary to section 9 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*.

As a result of these findings the Committee recommended that the Public Sector Standards Commissioner, by referral from the Board of CIT if necessary, investigate whether Dr McNeill’s conduct is inconsistent with the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* and the Public Sector Code of Conduct.

The Committee Chair, Ms Elizabeth Lee, said ‘The Select Committee, like the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration, found dealing with Dr McNeill an unnecessarily frustrating exercise. We hold significant concerns that Dr McNeill’s interactions with Assembly committees has undermined public confidence in her at a time when CIT needs focussed and effective leadership to deliver for Canberrans.’

The Committee extends its thanks to all those that assisted it in its inquiry.

The Select Committee’s report can be viewed on the Assembly’s [website](#).

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