

Mr Jeremy Hanson CSC MLA
Chair Select Committee on Privileges
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601

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Dear Mr Hanson

Submission to the Select Committee on Privileges 2022

During my appearance before the Select Committee on Privileges 2022 (the **Committee**) on Monday, 24 October 2022, the Committee asked me to provide written confirmation of the details of my conversations with Minister Gentleman and his Office regarding this matter. In response to that request, I provide the following information:

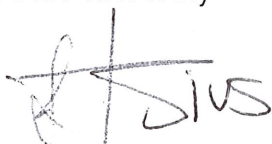
1. During my appearance before the Committee on 24 October 2022, when asked about my communications with the Minister and his office, I incorrectly stated that telephone conversations took place on Tuesday, 16 August 2022. In fact, those conversations took place on Monday, 15 August 2022.
2. At approximately 11:30am on Monday, 15 August 2022, in the wake of the media coverage concerning the prohibition notices issued by WorkSafe ACT to the Legislative Assembly, I was made aware of an email containing a threat to my office
3. Following this I telephoned Mr Shobaz Kandola, Chief of Staff Office of Minister Mick Gentleman MLA, to advise him of the threat and the steps I was taking.
4. A short time after my telephone conversation with Mr Kandola, I received a telephone call from Minister Gentleman. I spoke with Minister Gentleman with the Deputy Work Health and Safety Commissioner, Ms Amanda Grey present. The Minister called to enquire as to the welfare of my office and to offer support following the threatening email.



5. Later that evening, I had a further telephone conversation with Mr Kandola, during which we discussed, in more detail, the controls I had implemented within my office to address the threat and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my staff.

6. I am not aware of any other conversations between my office and the Minister's office about this matter, other than those already referred to in the chronologies and emails previously provided to the Privileges Committee by me and members of my staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Agius', with a vertical line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Jacqueline Agius
Work Health and Safety Commissioner

1 November 2022

