



**Legislative Assembly for the
Australian Capital Territory**

Select Committee on Privileges 2026

Mr James Milligan MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr Milligan

Inquiry — Possible contempt of the Assembly – Evidence given by Dr McNeil during Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process

On 6 May 2026, the Assembly established a Select Committee on Privileges 2026 to examine potential parliamentary privilege issues relating to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration's inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process and in particular whether:

"Dr McNeil is in contempt of the Assembly by giving false and misleading evidence to the Committee, failing to produce documents and any other related matters."

Section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwth) provides the Assembly with the same privileges and immunities as the House of Representatives. Under standing order 277 of the Assembly, a breach of those privileges may be regarded as a contempt. In determining whether any action or failure to act amounts to a contempt of the Assembly, the Committee will consider whether the action or failure to act has occurred, if it was done so knowingly, and whether there is a reasonable excuse.

To assist in its deliberations, the Committee invites you to provide, by 18 May 2026, any information, including documents, which is pertinent to the privilege issues under consideration. The Committee would be particularly interested in receiving your understanding of the way in which your committee may have been misled or interfered with. Should they wish to do so, my Committee would also welcome any comment from individual members of your Committee, irrespective of any collective Committee response.

The full details of the terms of reference can be viewed on the Committee's website at www.parliament.act.gov.au.

The Committee's secretary (Mr Hamish Finlay) may be contacted via email at LACommitteePrivileges2026@parliament.act.gov.au or via phone on 62050171.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Lee MLA
Chair

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