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Ms. Meredith Hunter
Chair
Select Committee on Privileges 2009 (1)
ACT Legislative Assembly

Dear Ms. Hunter,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to the findings of the Select Committee on Privileges. Whilst I note the findings of the Committee I do not concur with them. I believe that the Committee's finding in the matter of contempt and its inability to make a finding whether Mr. Cormack's letter was appropriate is inconsistent with the evidence that I have provided to the Committee.

In light of the Committee's decision to deny my request to present oral evidence in an open hearing, I am very keen to ensure that my written evidence is made publicly available so that an objective assessment to be made of the Committee's findings. The Clerk of the Assembly has advised me that the Committee is yet to decide on the matter of publication of my evidence. I am surprised and somewhat concerned by this delay as it would be the normal practice for the Committee to have published all of the submissions by now.

I have received further advice from the Clerk of the Assembly that unless a submission contains unfair allegations then it would be the normal practice for the committee to authorise submissions for publication. I am therefore of the view that failure to publish all of my evidence could lead to criticism that the Committee has not been open and transparent and could lead to the suggestion that the findings of the committee were not impartial.

I do not believe that my submission contains any allegations that are unfair and request that all of the evidence I put before the Committee in my two submissions be authorised for publication by the Committee immediately.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Hanson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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