

Appendix 14—Privilege matters raised

27 June 1989

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning the use by members of the Assembly press gallery of the fifth floor media room for the purposes of interviewing members of the Assembly, MoP, No 8, 27 June 1989, p 29; Assembly Debates, 27 June 1989, pp 395-396.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence as the fifth floor media room is not directly under the Assembly's control and the request for use of the room had not come from a member but directly from the press. The matter was therefore an administrative matter, not a breach of privilege.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

13 February 1990

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning the premature and unauthorised release of information from a draft report of the Standing Committee on Conservation, Heritage and Environment in articles and an editorial published in *The Canberra Times* on 20, 21 and 25 January 1990, MoP, No 41, 13 February 1990, p 167; Assembly Debates, 13 February 1990, p 17.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as publication of draft reports of committees before their presentation have been pursued as matters of contempt by the House of Representatives, and the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities as those held by the House of Representatives, its members and committees, pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

Action by Assembly: Chair of the Standing Committee on Conservation, Heritage and Environment, by leave, made a statement indicating that the committee no longer wished to proceed with the matter, MoP, No 41, 13 February 1990, p 167; Assembly Debates, 13 February 1990, p 18. No further action taken.

3 May 1990

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege concerning the alleged disclosure of proceedings of the Standing Committee on Conservation, Heritage and Environment in a radio interview given by Mr Moore MLA on 27 April 1990, MoP, No 58, 3 May 1990, p 235; Assembly Debates, 3 May 1990 pp 1612-1613.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as the unauthorised publication of private deliberations of a committee before their presentation have been pursued as matters of contempt in the House of Representatives, and the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities as those held by the House of Representatives, its members and committees, pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

Action by Assembly: Motion moved to refer matter to Standing Committee on Administration and Procedures as a matter of privilege debated and adjourned, MoP, No 59, 3 May 1990, p 236; Assembly Debates, 3 May 1990, pp 1627-1629. Item discharged from the Notice Paper on 12 September 1990, MoP, No 72, 12 September 1990, pp 295-296; Assembly Debates, 12 September 1990, pp 3164-3165.

16 August 1990

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege by Mr Collaery MLA for divulging unpublished evidence to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, MoP, No 70, 16 August 1990, pp 289-290; Assembly Debates, 16 August 1990, pp 3018-3022.

Action by Assembly: Motion moved, by leave, to refer matter to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedures debated and negatived, MoP, No 70, 16 August 1990, pp 289-290; Assembly Debates, 16 August 1990, pp 3018-3022.

See other references to matter: Assembly Debates, 16 August 1990, pp 2980, 3016 and 3030.

12 September 1990

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised on 16 August 1990 concerning the unauthorised release of evidence provided to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, MoP, No 72, 12 September 1990, p 295; Assembly Debates, 12 September 1990, pp 3159-3164.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence as he was unable to find a precedent directly relevant to the presentation of information in the Assembly, which is the superior body to the committee.

Action by Assembly: Motion moved, by leave, to refer matter to Standing Committee on Administration and Procedures debated and negatived, MoP, No 72, 12 September 1990, p 295; Assembly Debates, 12 September 1990, pp 3160-3164.

17 October 1990

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege concerning the unauthorised release of a draft report of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Infrastructure as published in an article in *The Canberra Times*, dated 27 September 1990, MoP, No 78, 17 October 1990, pp 319-320; Assembly Debates, 17 October 1990, pp 3735-3737.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as publication of draft reports of committees before their presentation have been pursued as matters of contempt by the House of Representatives, and the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities, as those held by the House of Representatives pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

The Speaker proposed that a select committee be established to consider matter.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

6 August 1991

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning letters received by Mr Stevenson MLA, MoP, No 114, 6 August 1991, p 483; Assembly Debates, 6 August 1991, p 2379.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

18 September 1991

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning the contents of a letter from the Deputy Chief Minister (Mr Berry) to Mr Humphries MLA relating to the introduction of the Trading Hours (Amendment) Bill 1991. The letter required that the bill be withdrawn until public consultation had taken place on a recently released report on ACT trading hours, MoP, No 124, 18 September 1991, p 530; Assembly Debates, 18 September 1991, pp 3462-3465.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as he had concluded that a contempt may have occurred. The Speaker went on to suggest that the matter may be best dealt with by way of an apology.

Action by Assembly: The Deputy Chief Minister (Mr Berry) and Mr Humphries MLA, by leave, made statements in relation to the matter, MoP, No 124, 18 September 1991, p 530; Assembly Debates, 16 September 1991, pp 3463-3465. No further action taken.

8 December 1992

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege concerning the circulation of a copy of the uncorrected proof Hansard, MoP, No 41, 8 December 1992, p 235; Assembly Debates, 8 December 1992, p 3600.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

24 November 1993

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege concerning the premature and unauthorised release of information relating to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Estimates 1993-94. The information was contained in an article published in *The Canberra Times* on 12 November 1993, MoP, No 84, 24 November 1993, p 480; Assembly Debates, 24 November 1993, pp 4083-4084.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as the publication of draft reports of committees before their presentation to the House of Representatives have been pursued as matters of contempt, and the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities, as those held by the House of Representatives, its members and committees pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

Action by Assembly: Motion was agreed to referring matter to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedures, MoP, No 84, 24 November 1993, p 480; Assembly Debates, 24 November 1993, p 4084. Report presented 16 December 1993; motion that report be adopted debated and adjourned, MoP, No 91, 16 December 1993, p 523; Assembly Debates, 16 December 1993, p 4743; order of the day lapsed at end of Second Assembly.

7 December 1993

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning the premature and unauthorised release of information in the government's response to the Select Committee on Estimates 1993-94 report, MoP, No 86, 7 December 1993, p 495; Assembly Debates, 7 December 1993, pp 4342-4343.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence and that the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities, as those held by the House of Representatives, its members and committees pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

Action by Assembly: Motion was agreed to referring matter to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedures, MoP, No 86, 7 December 1993, p 495; Assembly Debates, 7 December 1993, p 4343. Report presented 14 April 1994; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 100, 14 April 1994, p 559; Assembly Debates, 14 April 1994, pp 838-842. A Government response to the report in the form of a ministerial statement was made on 15 June 1994, MoP, No 111, 15 June 1994, p 627; Assembly Debates, 15 June 1994, pp 2019-2020.

17 May 1994

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege concerning a submission lodged by the ACT opposition with the board of inquiry examining the ACTTAB/VITAB agreement. The submission invited the inquiry to have regard to debates in the Assembly, MoP, No 107, 17 May 1994, p 605; Assembly Debates, 17 May 1994, pp 1549-1552.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in parliament should not be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of parliament.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

19 May 1994

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege concerning a submission lodged by the Board of Management of the Australian Capital Territory Totalisator Administration Board to the Board of Inquiry examining the ACTTAB/VITAB agreement. The submission invited the inquiry to have regard to debates in the Assembly, MoP, No 109, 19 May 1994, p 615; Assembly Debates, 19 May 1994, pp 1769-1770.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in parliament should not be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of parliament.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

25 September 1997

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning the action by a member of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs in making public a number of recommendations of the committee's conclusions on the issue of the establishment of a correctional facility in the ACT, MoP, No 106, 25 September 1997, p 819; Assembly Debates, 25 September 1997, pp 3329-3330.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as the publication of draft reports of committees before their presentation to the House of Representatives have been pursued as matters of contempt, and the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities, as those held by the House of Representatives pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

16 February 1999

Matter: Possible breach of privilege concerning certain aspects of the conduct of the proceedings of the Select Committee on the Territory's Superannuation Commitments, MoP, No 36, 16 February 1999, p 305; Assembly Debates, 16 February 1999, pp 152-156.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: Mr Wood, Mr Hird, Mr Moore and Mr Quinlan, by leave, made statements in relation to the matter, MoP, No 36, 16 February 1999, p 305; Assembly Debates, 16 February 1999, pp 152-156.

23 May 2000

Matter: Possible breach of privilege raised by Mr Corbell MLA relating to an alleged improper influence on a witness in respect of evidence given to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services on its inquiry into Gungahlin Drive, MoP, No 89, 23 May 2000, p 858; Assembly Debates, 23 May 2000, pp 1596-1597.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: Mr Corbell, by leave, made a statement in relation to the matter, MoP, No 89, 23 May 2000, p 859; Assembly Debates, 23 May 2000, pp 1598-1600.

Motion to appoint Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to after debate, MoP, No 91, 25 May 2000, pp 879-880, 882-883; Assembly Debates, 25 May 2000, pp 1776-1794, 1834-1846. Later, the motion was rescinded and reconsidered. Assembly resolved that the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services inquire into matter, MoP, No 91, 25 May 2000, pp 889-893; Assembly Debates, 25 May 2000, pp 1897-1903, 1905-24. Report presented 18 October 2000; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 104, 18 October 2000, p 1025; Assembly Debates, 18 October 2000, pp 3194-3197.

9 August 2001

Matter: Possible breach of privilege in respect of the release to the public of confidential information discussed at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services on 7 August 2001 in relation to its report on Draft Variation No 138, MoP, No 134, 9 August 2001, p 1589; Assembly Debates, 9 August 2001, pp 2828-2830.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as the premature publication or disclosure of committee proceedings have been pursued as matters of contempt.

Action by Assembly: Mr Hird, Mr Kaine and Mr Smyth addressed the Assembly in relation to the matter, MoP, No 134, 9 August 2001, p 1589; Assembly Debates, 9 August 2001, pp 2829-2830. No further action taken.

9 August 2001

Matter: Publication of the deliberations of the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services on the timing of the presentation of its proposed report on the duplication of Fairbairn Avenue, MoP, No 134, 9 August 2001, p 1589; Assembly Debates, 9 August 2001, pp 2828-2829.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

6 June 2002

Matter: Unauthorised receipt of emails from the office of Mr Wood MLA was a breach of privilege and whether a contempt was committed, MoP, No 22, 6 June 2002, pp 199-200, 201-203; Assembly Debates, 6 June 2002, pp 2011-2014, 2049-2062.

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint Select Committee on Privileges was passed by the Assembly on 6 June 2002, MoP, No 22, 6 June 2002, pp 199-200, 201-203; Assembly Debates, 6 June 2002, pp 2011-2014, 2049-2062, Report presented 14 November 2002; motion that report be noted adjourned; MoP, No 37, 14 November 2002, pp 381-382; Assembly Debates, 14 November 2002, pp 3605-3620; debate resumed, adjourned, MoP, No 38, 19 November 2002, pp 399-401; Assembly Debates, 19 November 2002, pp 3697-3709; debate resumed, motion agreed to, MoP, No 40, 21 November 2002, pp 427-428; Assembly Debates, 21 November 2002, pp 3936-3946.

18 June 2003

Matter: Matter of privilege raised by Mr Wood in relation to the unauthorised disclosure of the reports of the Select Committee on Estimates 2003-2004 and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, MoP, No 61, 18 June 2003, p 749; Assembly Debates, 18 June 2003, pp 2024-2025.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence as the publication of draft reports of committees before their presentation to the House of Representatives and the Legislative Assembly have been pursued as matters of contempt, and the Assembly, its members and committees have the same powers, including privileges and immunities, as those held by the House of Representatives, its members and committees pursuant to section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cth).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly on 26 June 2003. The original motion moved was amended to include whether the refusal of Mr Corbell to answer questions of the Select Committee on Estimates and whether the creation and distribution of a document known as 'Budget Estimates 2003' by persons within ACT Health constituted contempt of the Assembly. MoP, No 61, 18 June 2003, pp 749-750, MoP, No 65, 26 June 2003, pp 792, 802-804; Assembly Debates, 18 June 2003, pp 2025-2032, 26 June 2003, pp 2536-2537, 2635-2663. Report presented 18 November 2003; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 78, 18 November 2003, p 995; Assembly Debates, 18 November 2003, pp 4163-4170.

10 February 2004

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege or possible contempt raised by Mr Hargreaves MLA regarding the release of a flyer relating to a matter before the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, MoP, No 87, 10 February 2004, p 1088; Assembly Debates, 10 February 2004, p 2-5.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly on 10 February 2004, MoP, No 87, 10 February 2004, p 1088; Assembly Debates, 10 February 2004, pp 2-19; report presented 30 March 2004; motion that report be noted debated and adjourned, MoP, No 96, 30 March 2004, p 1248; Assembly Debates, 30 March 2004, pp 1247-1253; debate resumed, motion agreed to, MoP, No 98, 1 April 2004, p 1296; Assembly Debates, 1 April 2004, p 1538.

4 May 2004

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege or possible contempt raised by Mr Smyth MLA in relation to comments made in the chamber by Mrs Cross MLA on 1 April 2004, MoP, No 99, 4 May 2004, p 1313; Assembly Debates, 4 May 2004, p 1700.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

22 June 2004

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mrs Burke in relation to the non-provision of an answer by the Minister for Planning to a question on notice, MoP, No 104, 22 June 2004, p 1403; Assembly Debates, 22 June 2004, p 2259.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

7 April 2005

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mrs Dunne MLA in relation to improper interference in the proposed chairmanship and membership of a Select Committee on Estimates, MoP, No 16, 7 April 2005, p 139; Assembly Debates, 7 April 2005, p 1485.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: Motion to suspend standing orders was moved by Mrs Dunne to allow her to move that the decision of the Speaker not to give precedence to the matter of privilege be disagreed with. The motion was negated after a vote of the Assembly, MoP, No 16, 7 April 2005, p 139; Assembly Debates, 7 April 2005, pp 1485-1490.

16 August 2006

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Smyth MLA and Mr Pratt MLA concerning certain aspects of the conduct of Ms MacDonald MLA, Ms Porter MLA and Mr Gentleman MLA concerning the absence of Ms MacDonald at a scheduled meeting of the estimates committee, MoP, No 69, 16 August 2006, p 770; Assembly Debates, 16 August 2006, p 2210.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence as the evidence presented was not conclusive as to whether or not the committee had been misled.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

21 August 2007

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Pratt MLA in relation to the conduct of the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services during his appearance before the Select Committee on Estimates 2007-2008 on 26 June 2007 and the minister's practice of only following up on matters raised by Mr Pratt if the names and address of constituents were provided, MoP, No 106, 21 August 2007, pp 1065-1066; Assembly Debates, 21 August 2007, pp 1681-1682.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did merit precedence.

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was moved and negated after a vote of the Assembly, MoP, No 106, 21 August 2007, pp 1066-1067; Assembly Debates, 21 August 2007, pp 1682-1693.

17 June 2008

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Ms Gallagher MLA in relation to certain aspects of the conduct of Mr Smyth MLA in relation to the proof Hansard of the Select Committee on Estimates 2008-2009, MoP, No 142, 17 June 2008, p 1542; Assembly Debates, 17 June 2008, pp 1866-1867.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that the matter did not merit precedence but had raised concerns regarding a possible breach of the *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting) Act 2001* and that he had requested that the Clerk seek legal advice. The Speaker indicated that he would report back to the Assembly on receipt of the legal advice.

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

1 July 2008

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Ms Porter MLA in relation to the private deliberations of the Select Committee on Estimates 2008-2009, MoP, No 146, 1 July 2008, p 1569; Assembly Debates, 1 July 2008, p 2427.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that he did not believe the matter warranted precedence under standing order 276(d).

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

1 July 2008

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Corbell MLA in relation to the conduct of Mr Stefaniak MLA, Chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs, during the committee's inquiry into ACT fire and emergency services arrangements, MoP, No 146, 1 July 2008, p 1569; Assembly Debates, 1 July 2008, p 2428.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly on 1 July 2008. The original motion moved was amended to include how Mr Corbell became aware of the fact that the committee had not authorised the letter. MoP, No 146, 1 July 2008, pp 1570-1571; Assembly Debates, 1 July 2008, pp 2428-46. Report presented 26 August 2008; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 155, 26 August 2008, p 1750; Assembly Debates, 26 August 2008, pp 3567-3572.

16 June 2009

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Hanson MLA in relation to a letter he received from Mr Mark Cormack, Chief Executive of ACT Health, concerning a press release made by Mr Hanson, MoP, No 21, 16 June 2009, p 225; Assembly Debates, 16 June 2009, p 2265.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: After a motion to dissent from Speaker's ruling was moved following the Speaker's ruling allowing precedence to the motion under standing order 276(e), the Speaker informed the Assembly that there was no ruling made. A motion dissenting to that ruling was then moved. The motion was negatived after debate, MoP, No 21, 16 June 2009, pp 225-226; Assembly Debates, 16 June 2009, pp 2265-2274.

Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly. The original motion moved was amended to remove and add certain issues which the committee should examine, MoP, No 21, 16 June 2009, pp 226-228; Assembly Debates, 16 June 2009, pp 2274-2300. Motion amending reporting date was agreed to, MoP, No 27, 18 August 2009, p 286; Assembly Debates, 18 August 2009, p 3173. Report presented 27 August 2009; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 32, 27 August 2009, p 351; Assembly Debates, 27 August 2009, pp 3782-3795.

23 February 2010

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mrs Dunne MLA in relation to the giving of evidence by Mr Mark Sullivan, Managing Director, ACTEW Corporation Limited, to the Select Committee on Estimates 2009-2010 during its inquiry into the Appropriation Bill 2009-2010, MoP, No 51, 23 February 2010, pp 587-588; Assembly Debates, 23 February 2010, pp 430-431.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly on 23 February 2010. The original motion moved was amended to exclude the examination of the Treasurer's actions from the motion, MoP, No 51, 23 February 2010, pp 588-590; Assembly Debates, 23 February 2010, pp 431-461. Report presented 22 June 2010; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 63, 22 June 2010, p 706; Assembly Debates, 22 June 2010, pp 2117-2123.

20 September 2011

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Smyth MLA in relation to possible improper interference with the free exercise of the authority of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts during its consideration of the proposed nominee to the position of Auditor-General, MoP, No 118, 20 September 2011, p 1495; Assembly Debates, 20 September 2011, pp 3997-3998.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly on 20 September 2011, MoP, No 118, 20 September 2011, pp 1495-1496; Assembly Debates, 20 September 2011, pp 3998-4010. Report presented 17 November 2011; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 129, 17 November 2011, pp 1669-1670, 1676; Assembly Debates, 17 November 2011, pp 5511-5520, 5599-5603.

18 October 2011

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Ms Gallagher MLA in relation to a media release issued by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA concerning the newly formed Select Committee on Privileges, MoP, No 121, 18 October 2011, p 1556; Assembly Debates, 18 October 2011, pp 4485-4486.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that he did not believe the matter warranted precedence under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: No action taken.

26 November 2013

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Smyth MLA in relation to possible contempt by Mr Barr MLA (Treasurer) in failing to table documents that were ordered by the Assembly on 19 September 2013, MoP, No 41, 26 November 2013, p 420; Assembly Debates, 26 November 2013, pp 4160-4161.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was negatived after a vote of the Assembly, MoP, No 41, 26 November 2013, pp 420, 424; Assembly Debates, 26 November 2013, pp 4161-4167, 4223-4233.

8 May 2014

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Coe MLA in relation to the confidentiality of minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services, MoP, No 55, 8 May 2014, p 585; Assembly Debates, 8 May 2014, pp 1319-1320.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated she would write to the chair of the relevant committee, pursuant to standing order 242, concerning the alleged unauthorised disclosure, requesting that the committee report to the Assembly by 13 May 2014, after which time she would decide if the matter warranted precedence under standing order 276(e), see entry of 13 May 2014.

Action by Assembly: Chair of the relevant committee, pursuant to standing order 246A, informed the Assembly that the committee had considered the matter of a possible breach of privilege in relation to an unauthorised disclosure. The chair further advised that the committee was unable to identify the source of any unauthorised disclosure or determine whether it had caused substantial interference with its work on the relevant inquiry it was undertaking, MoP, No 56, 13 May 2014, p 593; Assembly Debates, 13 May 2014, pp 1353-1354.

13 May 2014

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Coe MLA in relation to a possible unauthorised disclosure of the confidential proceedings of the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services, MoP, No 56, 13 May 2014, p 595; Assembly Debates, 13 May 2014, pp 1392-1393.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was negated after a vote of the Assembly, MoP, No 56, 13 May 2014, pp 595-596; Assembly Debates, 13 May 2014, pp 1393-1400.

2 August 2017

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Petterson MLA in relation to the disclosure of confidential proceedings of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to *The Canberra Times*, MoP, No 21, 2 August 2017, p 303; Assembly Debates, 2 August 2017, pp 2375-2376.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was negated, MoP, No 21, 2 August 2017, pp 303-304; Assembly Debates, 2 August 2017, pp 2376-2381.

28 November 2017

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mrs Dunne MLA in relation to a statutory declaration tabled in the Eighth Assembly by the Chief Minister regarding the election of a senator for the Australian Capital Territory, MoP, No 41, 28 November 2017, pp 550-551; Assembly Debates, 28 November 2017, pp 5099-5103.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she did not believe the matter warranted precedence under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Leave was not granted to move a motion to establish a Select Committee on Privileges. A motion to suspend standing orders to allow the moving of a motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was negatived, MoP, No 41, 28 November 2017, pp 550-551; Assembly Debates, 28 November 2017, pp 5099-5103.

21 March 2018

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Mr Wall MLA in relation to certain aspects of the conduct of a witness before the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism during its inquiry into annual and financial reports 2016-2017, MoP, No 51, 21 March 2018, p 731; Assembly Debates, 21 March 2018, p 779.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she did not believe the matter warranted precedence under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was amended to refer certain matters to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure. The amended motion was agreed to by the Assembly, MoP, No 52, 22 March 2018, pp 751, 754, 758-761; Assembly Debates, 22 March 2018, pp 903-914, 934-938, 986-993. Chair of committee made a statement informing the Assembly that the committee had resolved to take no further action, MoP, No 55, 12 April 2018, p 792; Assembly Debates, 12 April 2018, p 1365.

11 April 2018

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Ms Cody MLA concerning certain aspects of the conduct of Miss C Burch MLA and Ms Lee MLA, as well as the use of a Liberal Party website to transmit submissions to a Standing Committee on Public Accounts inquiry, MoP, No 54, 11 April 2018, p 783; Assembly Debates, 11 April 2018, pp 1313-1314.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e).

Action by Assembly: Motion to appoint a Select Committee on Privileges was agreed to by the Assembly on 12 April 2018. The original motion was amended by: noting issues around non-Legislative Assembly websites used to generate submissions to committees; altering the reporting date; noting that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts can continue its business relating to the rates inquiry until the Select Committee on Privileges has reported; and appointing certain members to the committee. A further amendment to the motion was moved on 10 May 2018 to allow the committee to report when the Assembly was not sitting, MoP, No 54, 11 April 2018, pp 783-784, MoP, No 55, 12 April 2018, pp 790-791, 794-797 and MoP, No 58, 10 May 2018, p 836; Assembly Debates, 11 April 2018, p 1314-1320, 12 April 2018, pp 1351-1355, 1399-1406 and 10 May 2018, pp 1824-1825. Report presented on 31 July 2018; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 62, 31 July 2018, p 872; Assembly Debates, 31 July 2018, pp 2357-2361.

10 May 2018

Matter: Alleged misleading of the Assembly in the matter of the appointment of Ms Gallagher to fill the casual vacancy in the Australian Senate, MoP, No 58, 10 May 2018, pp 832-833; Assembly Debates, 10 May 2018, pp 1770-1777.

Action by Assembly: Motion moved, by leave, to establish a Select Committee on Privileges to consider whether the Assembly had been misled in the matter, debated and negatived, MoP, No 58, 10 May 2018, p 832-833; Assembly Debates, 10 May 2018, pp 1770-1777.

4 April 2019

Matter: Alleged breach of privilege raised by Ms Cody MLA concerning the unauthorised disclosure of documents of the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services, MoP, No 94, 4 April 2019, p 1377; Assembly Debates, 4 April 2019, p 1358-1359.

Action by Speaker: Speaker stated that she was prepared to allow precedence to a motion under standing order 276(e), once the motion had been circulated in accordance with standing order 81A.

Action by Assembly: Motion to establish a Select Committee on Privileges 2019 was agreed to by the Assembly, MoP, No 94, 4 April 2019, p 1380; Assembly Debates, 4 April 2019, p 1401. Report presented on 30 July 2019; motion that report be noted debated and agreed to, MoP, No 102, 30 July 2019, p 1529; Assembly Debates, 30 July 2019, p 2375-2376.