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Dear Ms Read

Inquiry—Possible contempt of the Assembly—Evidence given by Dr McNeill 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 McNeill 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.

The evidence at issue concerns whether Dr McNeill had at any time received advice from TAFE NSW that she was bound by confidentiality provisions and could not advise the Board of CIT about the existence or status of any investigation into possible misconduct.

The Committee notes that subsequent to the publication of the inquiry report there has been media reporting about the possible existence of such advice. The Committee believes that the reputation of all parties involved would be best served by the provision of documents relating to this matter to establish a clear factual basis for conclusions.

To assist in its deliberations, the Committee invites you to provide, by 22 May 2026, any information, including documents, which is pertinent to the privilege issues under consideration.

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

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Lee MLA
Chair

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