



Ethics Committee

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Mr Speaker

Matter of privilege regarding alleged divulging of the proceedings of a report of the Ethics Committee referred to the Committee on 2 December 2015.

I refer to your ruling in the Assembly on 2 December 2015 regarding the above and the letter from the Leader of the Opposition that you forwarded for the committee's consideration on the same day.

Following the disclosures made to the committee by Mr Jim Madden MP on 3 December 2015, as referred to in that member's subsequent personal explanation to the House on that day, and having taken into account Mr Madden's apology to his fellow committee members and to the House and his actions in requesting the Leader of the House to discharge him from the Ethics Committee, the committee has resolved that the matter raised by the Leader of the Opposition has been effectively dealt with.

Accordingly, the Ethics Committee has resolved to take no further action in relation to the matter and requests that you advise the House of this determination as soon as possible.

The committee applauds Mr Madden for taking responsibility for his error and his prompt and appropriate action in the interests of maintaining the integrity and standards expected of members who serve on the Ethics Committee.

Yours sincerely

Ms Di Farmer MP
Acting Chair