



Speech by


Hon. Fiona Simpson

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

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SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Nuttall, Mr GR, Referral to Ethics Committee

 **Madam SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I refer to the Clerk's advice to the House on 17 May 2012 that payment of fines for contempt imposed by the Legislative Assembly on 12 May 2011 had not been received from Mr Gordon Nuttall. I have considered this matter, including advice from Senior Counsel and the Clerk, and decided to treat the failure to pay the fines as a matter of privilege and refer the matter to the Ethics Committee. I will be requesting the Ethics Committee to investigate Mr Nuttall's exact financial situation, so that the Legislative Assembly is aware of all relevant information before considering the options available.