




Speech By
Hon. Fiona Simpson

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

Record of Proceedings, 21 November 2013

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Driscoll, Mr SN, Service of Order

 **Madam SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I table for the information of members an affidavit of service by the Sergeant-at-Arms dated 20 November 2013 and attachments to that affidavit which evidences the service of the order of the House dated 19 November 2013 and various other documents.

Tabled paper: Affidavit of Service, dated 20 November 2013, served by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Ms Amy Soong, Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative, at George Street, Brisbane [\[4120\]](#).

Tabled paper: Affidavit of Service, dated 20 November 2013, served by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Ms Amy Soong, Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative, at George Street, Brisbane: Attachment A—Copy of covering letter, dated 20 November 2013, from the Clerk of the Parliament (Mr N Laurie) to Mr Peter Russo, Solicitor, enclosing a certified copy of the order agreed to by the Legislative Assembly [\[4121\]](#).

Tabled paper: Affidavit of Service, dated 20 November 2013, served by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Ms Amy Soong, Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative, at George Street, Brisbane: Attachment B—Original certified copy, dated 19 November 2013, of the order agreed to by the Legislative Assembly of Queensland on 19 November 2013 directed to Mr Scott Driscoll [\[4122\]](#).

Tabled paper: Affidavit of Service, dated 20 November 2013, served by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Ms Amy Soong, Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative, at George Street, Brisbane: Attachment C—Copy of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly current as of 12 September 2013 [\[4123\]](#).

Tabled paper: Affidavit of Service, dated 20 November 2013, served by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Ms Amy Soong, Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative, at George Street, Brisbane: Attachment D—A copy of chapter 3, part 2 of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 [\[4124\]](#).

Tabled paper: Affidavit of Service, dated 20 November 2013, served by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Ms Amy Soong, Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative, at George Street, Brisbane: Attachment E—A copy of the Ethics Committee report No. 139 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 19 November 2013 [\[4125\]](#).

Included in this material is a letter from the Clerk to Mr Scott Driscoll's legal representative dated 20 November outlining the process that will occur today. I also table a memorandum which has been circulated to all members regarding the procedures for the appearance of Mr Driscoll today.

Tabled paper: Memorandum, dated 21 November 2013, from the Speaker, Hon. Fiona Simpson MP, to all honourable members relating to the appearance of Mr Scott Driscoll at the bar of the House [\[4126\]](#).

Honourable members, the House has ordered Mr Scott Driscoll to appear before it to answer charges of contempt and to afford him the opportunity to speak to the issues. This follows an inquiry of the Ethics Committee and the committee's subsequent report and recommendations.

Charges of contempt are very serious matters. As Mr Driscoll has resigned from the parliament and is no longer able to speak in this place as a member, he must address the House from the bar of parliament. Such proceedings of the House are different from normal and are more akin to a serious judicial process. Thus it is essential for members to understand that I will be in sole management of the House and it is not a time for them to speak or interject. I ask members to conduct themselves strictly in accordance with my memorandum as circulated.

I undertake to the House to strive to ensure fairness to Mr Driscoll whilst upholding the rules of this House and the rights of members and others. It is vital that members restrain themselves until Mr Driscoll is discharged and the mace again lays on the table. I will then listen to any matter that members may wish to raise.

Finally, I note the main bar facing my chair will be inaccessible from approximately 10.55 am today. Members will need to access the House via the other entrances after this time until the conclusion of Mr Driscoll's appearance.