




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

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MOTION

Member for Warrego, Unauthorised Disclosure of Committee Proceedings

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.32 am): I note the resignation of the member for Warrego and therefore seek leave to alter my notice of motion to delete paragraph 3.

Leave granted.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: I move—

That—

1. the House notes Ethics Committee report No. 162 titled *Inquiry into matter of privilege referred by the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee on 17 August 2015 relating to alleged unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings*, tabled in the House on 17 February 2016, and, in accordance with standing order 265, adopts that report;
2. this House finds that:
 - (a) the member for Warrego made an unauthorised disclosure of proceedings of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee by including the Premier's generic and electorate office email addresses in her email to the members of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee and the secretariat of 12 July 2015;
 - (b) the member for Warrego made an unauthorised disclosure of proceedings of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee by involving Mr Jake Smith, chief of staff to the Leader of the Opposition, in the preparation of the email to the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee of 12 July 2015;
 - (c) the member for Warrego deliberately misled the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee in her response to the Acting Chair of that committee of 12 August 2015 by not disclosing the assistance provided by Mr Jake Smith, chief of staff to the Leader of the Opposition, in the preparation of the email sent to the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee members, secretariat and the Premier's generic email addresses on 12 July 2015; and
 - (d) the member for Warrego deliberately misled the Ethics Committee in her responses to questions at a private hearing of the committee on 30 October 2015 by omitting the involvement of Mr Jake Smith in the preparation of her email of 12 July 2015.
3. the House orders that the member for Warrego be suspended from service on all committees of this House for a period of six (6) months from today's date;
4. this House requests Mr Speaker to admonish the member for Warrego for her lack of regard for the rules of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee and lack of respect for the Ethics Committee and this House and orders that the member for Warrego listen to that admonishment standing in her place; and
5. the House notes the Ethics Committee conclusion that the member for Warrego not be appointed to the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee for the remainder of the 55th Parliament.

Motion agreed to.