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13th Assembly

Public Accounts Committee

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Hon. Kezia Purick, MLA
Speaker
Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
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Dear Madam Speaker

Kezia

Re: In Confidence – Request for Precedence for Matter of Privilege

In accordance with a resolution of the Public Accounts Committee on 6 July 2017, I seek precedence to move the following motion as a matter of privilege on the next sitting day:

The Assembly refers to the Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report the complaint of a breach of privilege received by the Public Accounts Committee on 4 July 2017 alleging punishment of the complainant for giving evidence to the Committee for its inquiry into taxi licensing and regulation.

I have attached for your information the complaint that has been made by Mr Kamaldeep Singh Khattrra. As mentioned in the complaint, Mr Khattrra has made submissions to the Committee and has facilitated other drivers making submissions to the Committee.

If the allegations in the complaint were to be found to be true, the Committee considers that this would be a grievous interference in its inquiry. The Committee also considers that this matter should be dealt with as quickly as possible as any perception that people providing evidence to its inquiry may suffer repercussions without redress will impede its capacity to perform its role.

Yours sincerely

Kate Worden, MLA
Chair

6 July 2017