Summary of findings and recommendations

Finding 1 16

Mr Robertson displayed an error of judgement in failing to report to Unions NSW and the NSW Police that Mr McGurk had made an inappropriate offer to him in relation to the sale of Currawong. However there is no evidence to suggest that Mr Robertson received any financial gain or reward in relation to the offer.

Finding 2

The committee finds that it was inappropriate that Mr Robertson met with Mr McGurk on his own in March 2006.

Finding 3 21

The committee concludes that Mr Robertson did not disclose the conversation with Mr McGurk to the Premier and his Cabinet colleagues.

Finding 4 23

Mr Robertson did not contravene either the Code of Conduct for Ministers, the Code of Conduct for Members or standing order 113(2) when, in relation to the passage of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2009, he did not advise the Premier or the Parliament that Mr McGurk had made an inappropriate offer to him in 2006.

Nevertheless, with the benefit of hindsight and in light of the high standards of integrity required by the preamble to the *Code of Conduct for Ministers*, it would have been both reasonable and prudent for Mr Robertson to have disclosed the offer to the Premier and the Parliament.

Recommendation 1 23

That the respective Privileges Committee of each House inquire into and report on the merits of an amendment to the conflict of interest provision in the *Code of Conduct for Members* to include matters pertaining to current or previous financial or business dealings or arrangements, which have the potential to unduly influence a member's actions.