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Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

Government criticised for failing to provide documents to Commonwealth Games probe

The Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid has tabled an <u>interim</u> <u>report</u> on the Victorian Government's failure to provide documents under Legislative Council Standing Orders.

The inquiry's second interim report finds the Government has not complied with the process for claiming executive privilege for documents ordered for production by the Upper House on 1 May 2024.

"The Committee sought a series of documents as evidence for its inquiry, however the Government has claimed executive privilege and failed to engage with the process for disputing the validity of those claims," Committee Chair David Limbrick said.

"The Government is in contravention of the Legislative Council Standing Orders by not providing copies of the documents to the Clerk of the House for inspection and assessment of the claims of executive privilege.

"This is impeding the ability of the Committee to undertake its functions as set out in the inquiry's terms of reference."

The first interim report, tabled in April 2024, contained 23 findings.

Public hearings resumed in August 2024 and a final report is due by April 2025.

To read the latest report in full, go to the Committee inquiry's <u>website</u>.

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