



Legislative Council Broadcasting Terms and Conditions

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Filming, photography, broadcasting and rebroadcasting of proceedings are authorised as far as permitted by Legislative Council Standing Orders and subject to terms and conditions, which are issued by the President pursuant to Standing Order 20.02. These terms and conditions are in addition to, and are to be read in conjunction with, Chapter 20 of Standing Orders and other applicable guidelines and conditions.

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Parliamentary broadcast

Section 74AA of the Constitution Act 1975 protects the authorised transmission, broadcast or re-broadcast of proceedings. Hansard is authorised to provide the official parliamentary broadcast of:

- Proceedings of the Legislative Council
- Proceedings of committees administered by the Legislative Council.

All other photography, filming or recording, including by members of the Legislative Council, that is not authorised by the Standing Orders or these guidelines, is not permitted.

Coverage

- The broadcast will portray the proceedings of parliament in a way that is fair, accurate and respectful.
- Cameras will focus on the person with the call until their contribution is finished or interrupted or terminated by the Chair.
- Other shots may be used to reflect or give context to the business being transacted in the House or committee, for example:
 - a wide angle shot of the chamber or committee room
 - during question time, a reaction shot of the minister being asked a question or of a member listening to a reply to a question, or
 - coverage of official visitors in the gallery, but only when being acknowledged by the Chair.
- Generally, interjections are not to be covered, but if a member speaking engages with the interjector, the interjector's reaction may be covered.
- Cameras should not cover:
 - matters unrelated to the proceedings of the House or committee, such as interruptions from the public gallery or events occurring outside the chamber or committee room, or
 - a member's, officer's or witness's papers or device screens in close up.
- In case of general disorder or unparliamentary behaviour by members, coverage must revert to either a default wide-shot or to the Chair.
- Graphics may show a member's name, electorate, ministerial role, or party leadership, but will not show honorifics (Ms. Mr. Hon. Dr. etc). In the House, graphics may also show the item of business currently taking place. In committees, graphics may also show the names and titles (and other relevant information) of witnesses giving evidence to the committee.
- Broadcast staff should follow a direction given by the Chair or by chamber or committee staff.
- Members should not stream or publish the IPTV feed.

Commencement/interruptions/suspensions

- At the commencement or the resumption of proceedings in the House, coverage will start:
 - For IPTV broadcast, at the ringing of the bells, or
 - For external broadcast, when the Usher of the Black Rod announces the President, when the Chair takes the chair, or when directed by the Chair to recommence following a direction to cease coverage.
- At the commencement or the resumption of proceedings in committee, coverage will start:
 - when the Chair announces that the committee proceedings have commenced or resumed, or
 - when directed by the Chair to recommence following a direction by the Chair to cease coverage.
- During an unexpected interruption to proceedings such as prolonged disturbance in the public gallery, coverage must be of the Chair, with sound from only the Chair's and ambient noise microphones. Coverage should continue, unless the Chair indicates otherwise, either by suspending or adjourning the House or committee, or specifically directing that coverage should cease. Coverage resumes at the direction of the Chair or when the House or committee proceedings resume. However, during any such interruption, in the absence of any suspension, adjournment or direction to cease broadcasting from the Chair, the Hansard broadcast will continue.
- Coverage must cease as soon as:
 - the Chair announces that the House stands adjourned or they leave the chair for a suspension, or
 - the Chair announces that committee proceedings are suspended or have concluded.

Media – broadcast and use of proceedings

- Media organisations/individuals must be accredited and must comply with:
 - the Media Guidelines issued by the Presiding Officers Legislative Council Standing Orders, in particular Chapter 20
 - a direction from the Chair
 - a direction from parliamentary staff.
- Only accredited media organisations/individuals may photograph, film and/or record proceedings in the House or committee
- Photography, filming and broadcasting may only occur when the Chair is presiding over the House or committee and must not occur:
 - During any break, suspension or adjournment of the House or committee
 - At any time a committee meets in private session
 - When directed to cease by the Chair.
- **Exceptions:**
 - A committee may from time to time, by formal resolution, authorise other organisations/individuals to photograph, film and/or record proceedings, subject to that organisation/individual complying, as if they were accredited media, with the Media Guidelines and all other relevant rules and guidelines.
 - The President may from time to time expressly authorise visitors in the public gallery to photograph, film or record certain items of business, such as inaugural and valedictory speeches, on the condition that visitors are respectful of members of parliament and other members of the public.