



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

Monday, 9 July 2012

NOTICE OF BREACH WAS ISSUED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDIA GALLERY

Earlier today, a notice of breach was issued to the President of the Media Gallery.

This is in relation to actions by television news networks which clearly breached Standing Orders and Media Access Policy and which could reasonably be expected to contribute to future public safety issues.

The Parliament's Broadcast System provides access to Parliament for both the public and the media.

In addition to the Parliament's Broadcast System, the television news media requested additional privileges, being the placement of television cameras on the floor of the chamber. This was granted on the proviso that the conditions laid out in the Media Access Policy were adhered to. These conditions included clear guidelines for camera operators and broadcast of footage.

The television media have breached these guidelines and the notice of breach has thereby revoked permission for the placement of television cameras in the chamber for nine (9) sitting days. Access to Parliament's broadcast service remains.

The Media Access Policy can be found online here-

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2006/5106T5661.pdf>

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