



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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SPEAKER'S STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE – WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012

Honourable Members

I can confirm for the interest of Members that I am advised television cameras are not allowed on the floor of the chambers in Federal Parliament and the majority of State and Territory Parliaments within Australia and have only been allowed on the floor of Queensland Parliament subject to the guidelines contained in the Media Access Policy tabled in 2006.

I now wish to inform the House of some matters, in order to correct the public record.

The notice of breach issued to the media gallery on Monday 9th July 2012 was preceded by several reminders as to the current Media Access Policy.

On 29 May 2012, the Speakers Executive Officer, acting on my behalf, met with the President of the Media Gallery to reaffirm both verbally and in writing that the Media Access Policy tabled in 2006 was current and in effect. These guidelines were reissued to the President of the Media Gallery for dissemination.

The guidelines under which the Media Gallery operates place no obligation on the Speaker or her delegate to remind members of the Media Gallery when they are breaching the guidelines. Neither does it state that there should be a warning given when guidelines have been breached. Notwithstanding that, during and after the events of June 21, 2012, there were reminders given by the Speaker and her delegates that footage of the public gallery should not be recorded, nor should it be broadcast.

Given this, the nature of the offence was an aggravated one and this was taken into consideration when deciding on a penalty.

I take this opportunity to remind all Members that the activities of the Parliament can be viewed from the public gallery, via the live feed which is broadcast on the internet or through online video replay.

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