

People of Parliament: Hansard

Cloze Passage

Read through the following passage and select the word or phrase from the table that best fits in each space. You can use each word or phrase only once.

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| hand | stenography | reporters | speeches |
| 1812 | records of proceedings | recorded | website |
| Chief | name | recordings | Hansard |

All of the speeches delivered in Parliament are _____(1). The name given to these records of proceedings is Hansard. Hansard is the official transcript of all speeches, debates and proceedings of Queensland's Legislative Assembly. The term comes from the _____(2) family, which was granted permission to record the British parliamentary debates from _____(3) to 1889. Since then, the Hansard family _____(4) has been used to refer to _____(5) in Westminster parliaments around the world.

In colonial times, parliamentary proceedings were recorded by _____(6). Today, a team of Hansard reporters use special _____(7) machines and digital audio _____(8) to accurately report all _____(9) and proceedings in Parliament. It takes years of training to become proficient and to keep up with parliamentary debate. These _____(10), led by the _____(11) Hansard Reporter, also record everything that is said in parliamentary committee hearings. The full Record of Proceedings is published on the Queensland Parliament _____(12).