

# 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.

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

All of the speeches delivered in Parliament are recorded (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 Hansard (2) family, which was granted permission to record the British parliamentary debates from 1812 (3) to 1889. Since then, the Hansard family name (4) has been used to refer to Records of Proceedings (5) in Westminster parliaments around the world.

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