Watch Parliament online at any time with new broadcast on demand facility

Queenslanders will be able to watch their parliament online at any time with the launch of a “broadcast on demand” service tomorrow.

Speaker John Mickel said the broadcast on demand service would allow anyone with Internet access to watch the proceedings of the Queensland Parliament at their convenience.

“From tomorrow on video footage of all Members’ speeches and statements as well as Question Time will be available to view on demand on the parliament’s website,” Mr Mickel said.

“This is a further enhancement to Queensland’s already open democracy. I hope people make use of this additional method of watching what is said and who is saying it in their Parliament.

“Tomorrow’s first sitting day of the year will see many statements and personal accounts from Members about Queensland’s flood and cyclone disasters and the recovery process.

“Queenslanders will be able to watch this either live online via the parliament’s website or at a time of their choosing, whether that might be later in the day, the next day or next week.

“The new broadcast on demand system will allow people the ability to replay any speech, statement or question that they wish at a time that suits them” Mr Mickel said.

“At present, it is only possible to watch or listen to the proceedings of Parliament live online. There hasn’t been the ability to go online and view a speech or statement by an MP after the event.”

The broadcast on demand facility is the third and final phase of the Broadcast of Parliament initiative that was launched a number of years ago.

This initiative saw the launch of the live audio broadcast of proceedings of parliament over the Internet in 2003 and then the live audio visual broadcast of parliament over the Internet which commenced in 2007.

The live audio and audio visual broadcasts over the internet will remain in place with the new broadcast on demand system to operate in addition to these services.

Broadcast on demand will be easily accessible through the front page of the Queensland Parliament’s website.

The Parliament’s online record of proceedings (Hansard) will contain a camera icon in the left margin alongside the start of each Member’s speech or statement and at the commencement of Question Time. By clicking on this icon anyone with Internet access will at anytime be able to watch a video replay of what was said in the House.

Technical aspects of the new service and user feedback will be monitored during a six-month introductory phase.

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