Broadcasting of Parliament

Accessing Parliament

Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament are broadcast live over the Internet on the Queensland Parliament’s web site. The live broadcast footage from the years 2011 onwards is stored and accessible to replay at any time via the Queensland Parliament’s Record of Proceedings online publication. This replay system is called ‘broadcast on demand’.

Live broadcasts can be accessed when the Parliament is sitting from the link below:
www.parliament.qld.gov.au/broadcast

The Queensland Parliament’s sitting dates are published at the link below:

To watch the ‘broadcast on demand’ footage via the Record of Proceedings:

- go to the ‘Work of the Assembly’ section of the Parliament’s website and select ‘Record of Proceedings (Hansard)’ and then ‘Browse by Sitting Dates’

- this link brings up yearly calendars with the parliamentary sitting dates from each year noted

- by clicking on any of these sitting dates from 2011 onwards, a link to that dates ‘Record of Proceedings (Hansard)’ can be accessed

- within this Record of Proceedings document there are small camera icons within the left margins of pages

- by clicking on this camera icon, the ‘broadcast on demand’ footage from that moment in the parliamentary proceedings will commence.

History

The audio broadcasting of the proceedings of parliament over the Internet commenced in April 2003. Audio streaming is an important element of open democracy in Queensland. Apart from increasing accessibility of parliament to the general community, it also ensures visually impaired people are included in the parliamentary process.

The live video broadcasting of proceedings of the Queensland Parliament over the Internet commenced in June 2007.

In February 2011, the Queensland Parliament’s broadcast on demand service was launched. This allows anyone with Internet access to watch a replay of parliamentary proceedings at a time that is convenient to them.

In August 2012, the Parliament added an external broadcast link to make the feed of the parliamentary broadcast available to all television channels, including those not based at Parliament House. This link is part of the Digital Video Network (DVN) and means that live, unedited and uncensored footage of each entire day’s parliamentary proceedings are available to television channels.

Prior to this, only Brisbane-based television networks were able to access parliamentary footage. The DVN link, however, allows non-metropolitan regional news outlets to access and broadcast footage of the Queensland Parliament. This broadening of the range of media outlets which have access to the parliamentary television footage is good for our democracy.
Technical details

The video broadcast of Parliament over the internet sources footage from six high-definition pan tilt cameras that are fixed in the Parliamentary Chamber. These six cameras are located to provide coverage of the opposition and government sides of the chamber, a close-up of the Speaker, a shot of the Clerks at the table, and a wide shot of the chamber.

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