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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE

UPON

PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE

**REPORT ON THE
BROADCASTING OF SOUND
RECORDINGS OF EXCERPTS OF
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 1993

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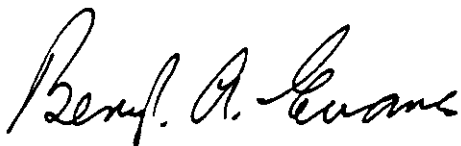
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FOREWORD

The Committee's task on this occasion was to monitor and review the broadcasting on radio and television of sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council during the past twelve months. Through discussions with the Communications Manager at the Premier's Department and representatives of commercial radio and television, the Committee obtained valuable insights into the way the current broadcasting guidelines are operating, and into some of the difficulties which are encountered by broadcasters.

The Committee thanks Mr Lawrie Power from the Media and Communications Branch of the Premier's Department, Mr Paul Mullins from Channel Ten, and Mr Chris Maher from Radio 2UE for their informative and pertinent comments concerning the current broadcasting arrangements.

As inquiry Chairman, I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members for the time and effort they devoted to the inquiry. Thanks are also due to Ms Lynn Lovelock, Clerk to the Committee and Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council, to the Clerk of the Parliaments, Mr John Evans and the Clerk Assistant - Procedure, Ms Giselle Dawson, who acted as Clerks to the Committee at various stages, and to Ms Velia Mignacca, project officer to the Committee.



THE HON. BERYL EVANS, M.L.C.
Chairman
Standing Committee Upon Parliamentary Privilege

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That, subject to any future recommendations of the Legislative Council Standing Orders Committee on this matter, the existing guidelines for the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council remain in force.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

That the Legislative Council audio system be improved so that it is capable of producing sound recordings of a quality suitable for broadcasting and rebroadcasting on radio and television.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

That, until the audio system is improved to the standard indicated in Recommendation 2, measures be taken for testing and improving the system in the short term.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

That the guidelines relating to the recording of vision footage for file purposes, dated 21 August 1991, be amended to require that the date on which file footage is filmed is included with the caption "file footage".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 22 September 1992 the Legislative Council resolved to authorise the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council on certain conditions for a trial period of 12 months. Part of this resolution was that the Standing Committee Upon Parliamentary Privilege monitor and review the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of proceedings and report to the House in 12 months.

In conducting its review of the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts the Committee held informal discussions with the Communications Manager at the Premier's Department and representatives of both commercial radio and commercial television.

The Committee concluded that the existing guidelines for broadcasting and rebroadcasting sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings are working well. However, all the evidence before the Committee indicated that the Legislative Council sound system is inadequate for broadcasting purposes. This creates difficulties because the broadcasting conditions approved by the House require that excerpts be recorded from the audio signal transmitted from the House monitoring system.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that:

- (1) subject to any future recommendations of the Legislative Council Standing Orders Committee on this matter, the existing guidelines for the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council remain in force;
- (2) the Legislative Council audio system be improved so that it is capable of producing sound recordings of a quality suitable for broadcasting and rebroadcasting on radio and television;
- (3) until the audio system is improved to the standard indicated in Recommendation 2, measures be taken for testing and improving the system in the short term.

A number of issues were raised before the Committee concerning the televising of parliamentary proceedings. Although these issues are outside the scope of this inquiry they are relevant to the current inquiry of the Legislative Council Standing Orders Committee into guidelines for the televising of proceedings. Therefore, a summary of the issues raised has been included in Part Two to this Report. In relation to the televising of proceedings, the Committee recommends that:

- (4) the guidelines relating to the recording of vision footage for file purposes, dated 21 August 1991, be amended to require that the date on which file footage is filmed is included with the caption "file footage".

REPORT

PART ONE

1. ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THE INQUIRY

- 1.1 On 22 September 1992 the Legislative Council resolved to authorise the broadcasting and rebroadcasting on radio and television stations of sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings, for a trial of 12 months, on certain conditions¹. The House further resolved that the Standing Committee Upon Parliamentary Privilege monitor and review the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of proceedings and report to the House in 12 months.
- 1.2 On 19 May 1993 - before the 12 month trial period had elapsed - the Legislative Council resolved that:
- (1) this House agrees in principle to the desirability of audio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of the Legislative Council; and
 - (2) the Standing Orders Committee inquire into and prepare guidelines for the implementation of the broadcasting of proceedings from the commencement of the Budget sitting.²
- 1.3 This inquiry has been conducted pursuant to the resolution of 22 September 1992. During the course of its inquiry the Committee gathered information that was outside its terms of reference but is relevant to the inquiry of the Standing Orders Committee. This information has been included as Part Two to this Report (pages 7 to 10).

¹An extract of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Legislative Council containing the resolution appears at pages 15 to 16 of this Report.

²Minutes of Proceedings No.18, Entry 3, Wednesday 19 May 1993.

2. EVIDENCE OBTAINED BY THE COMMITTEE

2.1 In reviewing the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of the proceedings of the Legislative Council over the past 12 months, the Committee held informal discussions with -

- Mr Lawrie Power, Communications Manager at the Premier's Department
- Mr Paul Mullins, Channel 10 Parliamentary Roundsman, and
- Mr Chris Maher, 2UE State Political Reporter.

A number of pertinent issues were raised during these discussions:

1. Guidelines for broadcasting and rebroadcasting of sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings

- 2.2 While it was not possible for the Committee to monitor broadcasts of proceedings in a systematic way, the Committee is of the view that broadcasts and rebroadcasts of sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings over the past 12 months have complied with the guidelines contained in the Legislative Council's resolution. There were no complaints from Members concerning the operation of the guidelines during that period.
- 2.3 The Committee formed the view from its informal discussions that the existing guidelines for the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of sound recordings are working well from the media's point of view. Mr Maher expressly stated that he was happy with the existing guidelines.
- 2.4 The only difficulty raised by the media representatives was the lack of uniformity in the guidelines of the two Houses of the New South Wales Parliament. At present, sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly can only be used in bulletins reporting Question Time or with the express approval of the Speaker, although the present system is under review.³ However, there is no such restriction in the current guidelines of the Legislative Council.

³ On 12 May 1993 the Legislative Assembly resolved to agree in principle to the desirability of audio and television broadcasting of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. It also resolved that the Legislative Assembly Standing Orders and Procedure Committee consider the question of the broadcasting of proceedings and appropriate broadcasting guidelines. Votes and Proceedings No. 19, 12 May 1993, Entry No. 6.

- 2.5 As there were no indications during the discussions that there have been any problems with the existing guidelines, the Committee is of the view that these guidelines should remain in force.

2. Demand for broadcasts of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council

- 2.6 It was made clear to the Committee during the discussions that commercial radio and television networks are only interested in broadcasting excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council on a very selective basis. Only matters which are controversial or otherwise considered "newsworthy" will be broadcast. Examples of such matters raised with the Committee include: excerpts of debate on a bill where there is uncertainty as to whether the bill will be passed in the Council; new Ministers performing; and "highlights" from Question Time.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

- 2.7 The Committee recommends that, subject to any future recommendations of the Legislative Council Standing Orders Committee, the existing guidelines for broadcasting and rebroadcasting of sound recordings of excerpts of proceedings of the Legislative Council remain in force.

2. Quality of the Parliamentary sound system

- 2.8 Condition 1(b) of the Legislative Council's resolution of 22 September 1992 provides that excerpts must be recorded from the audio signal of proceedings transmitted by the House monitoring system in Parliament House. However, it was stressed in each of the three Committee briefings that the sound system operating at Parliament House at present is inadequate for broadcasting purposes.
- 2.9 Mr Mullins told the Committee that sound recordings obtained from the Legislative Council system are not of broadcast quality. When Channel 10 does broadcast sound excerpts, it is sometimes necessary to add captions to the screen to clarify what is being said.
- 2.10 Mr Maher informed the Committee that 2UE is restricted to using small snippets of excerpts for its broadcasts because of the poor quality of the sound. The sound needs to be taped twice and after the second taping, the recording is often unusable.
- 2.11 Members of the Committee also expressed concern at the poor quality of the sound of the Legislative Council broadcast over the Parliament House monitoring system.

Suggested improvements to the sound system

- 2.12 Although the Committee briefings were not of a highly technical nature, they did reveal a number of ways in which the sound system might be improved. Mr Maher recommended that Parliament test the microphones, in liaison with the media. In all three discussions the view was expressed that the microphones should be replaced and better positioned in the Legislative Council Chamber.
- 2.13 The Committee did not take detailed technical evidence as to the precise measures which should be adopted to improve the sound system. However the Committee is of the view that the sound system needs to be overhauled as soon as possible so that it is capable of producing an audio signal suitable for broadcasting.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

- 2.14 The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council audio system be improved so that it is capable of producing sound recordings of a quality suitable for broadcasting and rebroadcasting on radio and television.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

- 2.15 The Committee recommends that, until the audio system is improved to the standard indicated in Recommendation 2, measures be taken for testing and improving the system in the short term.

PART TWO

OTHER ISSUES RAISED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE -
TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS

- 1.1 A number of issues were raised during the Committee briefings concerning the televising of parliamentary proceedings. Although these matters fall outside the scope of this inquiry, they are included in this Report as they are relevant to the current inquiry of the Standing Orders Committee into suitable guidelines for the televising of proceedings⁴. The issues raised concern: the nature of the demand for televising of the proceedings of the Legislative Council; the extent of the coverage sought by the television networks; technical aspects of televising; guidelines for televising; benefits of televising parliamentary proceedings.

Televising of Proceedings of the Legislative Council - The Current Position

- 1.2 In order to appreciate the impact of the issues raised during the Committee briefings, some understanding is required of the existing arrangements for the televising of proceedings. At present, television stations are permitted to film proceedings of the Legislative Council for file footage only. This is allowed only with the express approval of the President. There is a set of guidelines governing the use of file footage by the stations, and another set of guidelines for technical staff operating sound and vision equipment. These guidelines are reproduced in the Appendix to this report.

1. The Demand for Televising of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council

- 1.3 The Committee was told that there is a demand among the television stations for greater access to the proceedings of the Legislative Council than is at present permitted. The interest lies in televising highlights from Question Time and other controversial or "newsworthy" events in the Legislative Council. Televised excerpts would be used in "grabs" or in longer summaries of major events in the House.

⁴ This inquiry was referred to the Standing Orders Committee by resolution of the Legislative Council on 19 May 1993 (Minutes of Proceedings 19 May 1993 Entry 3). The terms of the resolution appear at paragraph 1.2 of Part One of this Report.

- 1.4 It appears that there is no interest on the part of commercial networks in continuous broadcasts of Legislative Council proceedings or of Question Time. Similarly, it appears that there would be no interest in the broadcasting of an entire program dedicated to State Parliament.

2. Extent of Coverage of Proceedings Sought by the Television Networks

- 2.1 Mr Mullins told the Committee that the arrangements for televising proceedings which operate in the Federal Parliament work well and that he would be happy to follow similar guidelines in New South Wales. Under the Federal Parliament's guidelines, television stations are permitted to televise excerpts of all parts of the proceedings of Parliament from the television signal provided by the Parliament without first seeking any specific approval. However, this general permission to televise is subject to certain detailed conditions concerning the use which can be made of the material, such as the requirement to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
- 2.2 Mr Mullins informed the Committee that, if these guidelines are not followed in New South Wales, a suitable alternative arrangement would be for the television networks to have approval to televise Question Time as of right, and to televise other items of news interest by application to the Privileges Committee or other authority designated by the Legislative Council.

3. Guidelines

- 3.1 Mr Power and Mr Mullins were both of the view that the broadcasting and televising guidelines operating in the Federal Parliament work well. However, Mr Power commented that when television stations are using old footage, they should be obliged to indicate in a subtitle on the screen that file footage is being shown, and perhaps to state the date on which the excerpt was filmed.
- 3.2 Mr Mullins was asked how he thought breaches of the guidelines should be dealt with. He replied that banning the offender from the House for a certain period would be a fair penalty.

4. Technical Considerations

- 4.1 Mr Power and Mr Mullins both advised that the existing fixed camera in the Chamber is unsuitable for broadcasting of proceedings. The media representatives who briefed the Committee all spoke highly of the broadcasting and televising facilities installed in the Commonwealth Parliament. In that Parliament, each Chamber is equipped with approximately eight broadcast cameras, and extra cameras are installed in the committee rooms. There is a large staff contingent to operate the sophisticated sound and vision equipment. However, the system is extremely expensive.

(a) Cheaper Options

- 4.2 A number of more affordable options were explored during the discussions. Mr Power told the Committee that the cheapest option for the Parliament would be to allow the television stations to use their own cameras to televise proceedings. Parliament might wish to designate set stations in the Chamber from which the television cameras would be allowed to film. He suggested that it might be appropriate to establish a rostering system for the television stations. Mr Power indicated that this option would require a high quality audio system to be installed in the Chamber, and the laying of coaxial cables to the various "catch points" around the Parliament.
- 4.3 Mr Mullins confirmed that this option would be feasible from the television stations' point of view. He indicated that it takes only about fifteen minutes to set up a camera. He told the Committee that the television networks would also be able to provide their own sound equipment, microphones etc, so that there would be no cost to Parliament.
- 4.4 An alternative option raised by Mr Power is for Parliament to install several cameras permanently in the Chamber. According to Mr Power, a minimum of 3 or 4 cameras would be needed in order to provide a quality "feed" to the television stations. The Parliament could either pay for these cameras from its own resources or negotiate with the television stations to pay for them or contribute to the cost.

(b) Lighting

- 4.5 One problem canvassed during the Committee's discussions is the heat build-up generated by the lights needed by the cameras when Parliament is being televised. Members of the Committee observed that this is a problem when the ceremony for the Opening of Parliament is being filmed in the Legislative Council Chamber. Mr Power told the Committee that this problem does not exist in the Federal Parliament as each Chamber has been designed for maximum access to natural light - no additional lighting is required for the cameras.
- 4.6 Mr Mullins did not think that heat build-up would be a problem if the proceedings of the Legislative Council were to be televised, because television stations could use cameras which do not require additional lighting.

5. Benefits of Televising

- 5.1 Mr Mullins told the Committee that he believed that the television coverage of State Parliament would improve if the televising of proceedings were permitted. He submitted that this is important because most people rely on television, rather than radio or newspapers, for the news. He also indicated that there would probably be more coverage of the Upper House than at present if the televising of proceedings were allowed.
- 5.2 Mr Mullins argued that the removal of some of the current restrictions on televising would place television stations on a more equal footing with newspapers, which are allowed to report on all parts of the proceedings of Parliament.
- 5.3 The Committee is in favour of television broadcasting of proceedings of the House. The Committee notes that the Legislative Council has resolved to agree in principle to the desirability of audio and television broadcasting of its proceedings, and that the Standing Orders Committee inquire into and prepare guidelines for the implementation of the broadcasting of proceedings.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 Although the Standing Orders Committee is to inquire into broadcasting guidelines, the Committee considers it appropriate in this Report to address the issue of the use of old file footage by television stations, which is referred to at paragraph 3.1 above. In this regard, the Committee recommends that the Legislative Council guidelines concerning filming of file footage be amended to require that the date on which the footage is filmed be included with the caption "file footage".

RECOMMENDATION 4:

- 6.2 The Committee recommends that the guidelines relating to the recording of vision footage for file purposes, dated 21 August 1991, be amended to require that the date on which file footage is filmed is included with the caption "file footage".

APPENDIX

21 August 1991

**GUIDELINES FOR TECHNICAL STAFF OPERATING SOUND
AND VISION EQUIPMENT**

1. As a general principle, cameras must focus on the Member with the call. That is only on the Member speaking from the floor.
2. Cameras must not focus on officers and servants of the House.
3. Fine tuning or variations to depths of field at the discretion of the operator is acceptable.
4. Reaction shots or panning the Chamber are not permitted.
5. If an exchange between Members is too fast to permit normal camera switching, then a wider camera shot incorporating those involved in the exchange, including the Chair, is permitted.
6. Sound recording is not permitted.
7. Disturbances in the Chamber or Galleries should not be covered.
8. Cameras must be positioned in locations nominated by the President or his/her delegates and for the period specified.
9. Instructions from the President or his/her delegates in relation to the operation of sound and vision equipment in the Legislative Council, shall be observed at all times.

Max Willis
President

APPENDIX

21 August 1991

**GUIDELINES TO APPLY TO RECORDING OF VISION
FOOTAGE FOR FILE PURPOSES, AND SUBSEQUENT
BROADCASTING BY TELEVISION STATIONS**

Access to the proceedings of the Legislative Council for the recording of excerpts of proceedings is subject to an undertaking to observe, and to compliance with, the following conditions:

1. Recording must take place only with the express approval of the President and following an announcement in the Chamber.
2. Broadcasts of excerpts shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for:
 - (a) political party advertising or election campaigns;
 - (b) satire and ridicule; or
 - (c) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.
3. Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
4. Footage must not be altered so as to destroy continuity.
5. Footage must be broadcast at normal speed without use of freeze frame. A separate still frame may be used.
6. Footage shall be used only in news and current affairs programs and must be placed in context.
7. All footage must be captioned "file footage" or words to that effect.

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8. The network which co-ordinates the recording of file footage shall make the approved footage to the other networks.
9. The instructions of the President of the Legislative Council or his/her delegates, which are not inconsistent with these guidelines, shall be observed at all times.

Max Willis
President

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE UPON PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Mr Pickering moved, pursuant to notice:

1. That a Standing Committee upon Parliamentary Privilege (referred to as "the Committee") be appointed to consider and report upon any matters relating to privilege which may be referred to it by the House or the President.
2. That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House, and have power to take evidence and send for persons and papers.
3. That the Committee have power to confer with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Assembly.
4. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standing Orders, the Committee consist of the following Members: Mr Bull, Mr Dyer, Mrs Evans, Mr Jobling, Mr Jones, Mr Samios and Mr Vaughan.
5. That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, a matter of privilege may only be brought before the House in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (1) A Member desiring to raise a matter of privilege must inform the President of the details in writing.
 - (2) The President must consider the matter as soon as practicable and decide whether a motion relating to the matter shall take precedence under the Standing Orders. The President must notify his decision in writing to the Member.
 - (3) While a matter is being considered by the President, a Member must not take any action or refer to the matter in the House.
 - (4) If the President decides that a motion relating to a matter of privilege shall take precedence, the Member may, at any time when there is no business before the House, give notice of a motion to refer the matter to the Committee. The notice shall take precedence under Standing Order 55 on the day stated in the notice.

- (5) If the President decides that the matter should not take precedence, a Member is not prevented from referring to the matter in the House or taking action in accordance with the practices and procedures of the House.
- (6) If notice of a motion is given under paragraph 5(4), but the House is not expected to meet within one week after the day on which the notice is given, the motion may be moved at a later hour of the sitting as determined by the President.

Question put and passed⁵.

BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS (Formal Business)

Mr Pickering moved, pursuant to Notice:

1. That this House authorises the broadcasting and rebroadcasting on radio and television stations of sound recordings of excerpts of its proceedings, for a trial of 12 months, on the following conditions:

- (a) Excerpts may be taken from the proceedings of the House from the time of the meeting of the House until the adjournment of the House.
- (b) Excerpts must be recorded from the audio signal of proceedings transmitted by the House monitoring system in Parliament House.
- (c) Broadcasts of excerpts must be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings and must provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
- (d) Excerpts must not be used for:
 - (i) political party advertising or election campaigns;
 - (ii) the purpose of satire or ridicule;
 - (iii) commercial sponsorship of commercial advertising.
- (e) Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast if the withdrawal is also broadcast.

⁵ Minutes of Proceedings No. 13, Entry 3, Wednesday 16 October 1991

- (f) Excerpts must be placed in context. Commentators must identify Members by name.
- (g) Where audio excerpts of proceedings are used on television, their use may be that of audio over still frames, or overlay material.
- (h) Where the excerpts are used on commercial stations, the station must ensure that advertising before and after excerpts is of an appropriate nature.
- (i) Events in the Galleries are not part of the proceedings and excerpts of those events must not be used.
- (j) Access to proceedings for the purpose of recording is on the basis of an undertaking to observe these conditions. Any breach of these conditions by a station may result in the suspension or withdrawal of permission by the President for the station to broadcast excerpts of the proceedings of the House.
- (k) The instructions of the President or delegated representatives, on the use of recorded excerpts, must be observed at all times.

2. That the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege monitor and review the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of proceedings and report to the House in 12 months.

Question put and passed⁶.

⁶ Minutes of Proceedings No. 25, Entry 5, Tuesday 22 September 1992

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NOTE:

At the time the Committee was conducting this inquiry, it was also inquiring into another, unrelated matter concerning the disclosure of in camera evidence. Those parts of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee which concern this other matter have been deleted from the Minutes which appear below, as they will be published as part of the Committee's report on that matter.

No. 1

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer

Mr Jobling
Mr Jones
Mr Samios

The Clerk declared the meeting open and called for nominations for the Chair. On motion of Mr Jobling, Mrs Evans was called to the Chair.

Apologies: Mr Vaughan

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling:

That arrangements for the calling of witnesses be left in the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk

That, unless otherwise ordered, the press and public (including witnesses after examination) be admitted to the hearings of the committee

That, unless otherwise ordered, transcripts of evidence taken by the committee be not made available to any person, party or organisation provided that each witness previously examined shall be given a proof copy of their evidence for correction and return to the Clerk.

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The Committee adjourned at 2.45 p.m. until Monday 8 February 1993, at 2:30 p.m.

No. 2

MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer
Mr Jobling

Mr Jones
Mr Samios
Mr Vaughan

Resolved, on motion of Mr Samios, seconded by Mr Dyer: That the Minutes from Meeting No. 1, on 2 February 1992, be amended to include the names of seconders to motions.

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The Committee deliberated.

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The Committee adjourned at 3.35 p.m. sine die.

No. 3

THURSDAY 29 APRIL 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer
Mr Jobling

Mr Samios
Mr Vaughan

Apologies were received from Mr Jones.

Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed on motion of Mr Dyer, seconded by Mr Jobling.

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The Committee deliberated.

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Resolved, on motion of Mr Samios, seconded by Mr Dyer: That the Premier's Department Media Monitoring Unit be requested to nominate someone to address the Committee at 11.30 a.m. on Monday 24 May 1993, in relation to the committee's inquiry into the broadcasting of proceedings.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jobling, seconded by Mr Bull: That the Clerk investigate and report to the Committee on:

- (i) the extent of existing complaints registered with the Media Council concerning the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings; and
- (ii) procedures for monitoring and reviewing the broadcasting and rebroadcasting on radio and television stations of excerpts of parliamentary proceedings in other states within Australia.

The Committee adjourned at 1.30 p.m. until Monday 24 May 1993 at 10.00 a.m.

No. 4

MONDAY 24 MAY 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer

Mr Samios
Mr Vaughan

Apologies received from Mr Jobling and Mr Jones.

Minutes of previous Meeting held 29 April 1993 were confirmed on motion of Mr Dyer.

The Chairman tabled a Background Paper on complaints and procedures in relation to the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings.

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Mr Lawrie Power, Communications Manager, Premier's Office, briefed the Committee on options for the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings on radio and television.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Dyer: That Mr Michael Gleeson, ABC Channel 2 parliamentary roundsman, and Mr Paul Mullins, Channel 10 parliamentary roundsman, be requested to address the Committee on Monday 7 June, 1993 in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the broadcasting of proceedings.

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The Committee adjourned at 12.10 p.m. until Monday 7 June, 1993 at 10.00 a.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPON PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE
BROADCASTING INQUIRY

No. 5

TUESDAY 1 JUNE 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Jones

Mr Samios
Mr Vaughan

Apologies were received from Mr Bull and Mr Jobling.

Minutes of previous Meeting held 24 May 1993 were confirmed on motion of Mr Jones, seconded by Mr Dyer.

The Committee deliberated.

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The Committee adjourned at 3.00 p.m. until Monday 7 June, 1993.

No. 6

MONDAY 7 JUNE 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer
Mr Jones

Mr Jobling
Mr Samios
Mr Vaughan

Minutes of previous Meeting held 24 May 1993 were confirmed on motion of Mr Dyer, seconded by Mr Bull.

The Committee deliberated.

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Mr Paul Mullins, Channel 10 Parliamentary Roundsman, briefed the Committee on options for the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings on radio and television.

The Committee deliberated.

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The Committee adjourned at 1.10 p.m. until Friday 11 June, 1993 at 10.30 a.m.

No. 7

FRIDAY 11 JUNE 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Dyer
Mr Jones
Mr Jobling

Mr Samios
Mr Vaughan

Apologies were received from Mr Bull.

Minutes of previous Meeting held 7 June 1993 were confirmed on motion of Mr Jobling, seconded by Mr Dyer.

The Committee deliberated.

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The Committee adjourned at 12.30 p.m. sine die.

No. 8

MONDAY 12 JULY 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 2.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Dyer

Mr Samios

Apologies were received from Mr Bull, Mr Jobling, Mr Jones, and Mr Vaughan.

Minutes of previous Meeting held 24 May 1993 were confirmed on motion of Mr Dyer, seconded by Mr Samios.

The Committee deliberated.

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Resolved, on motion of Mr Dyer, seconded by Mr Samios: That the Chairman prepare and submit a Draft Report in regard to the broadcasting of proceedings of the Legislative Council for circulation amongst the Committee, and that a future day be fixed for its consideration.

The Committee held an informal discussion with Mr Chris Maher, Radio 2UE parliamentary roundsman, on the operation of the existing guidelines governing the broadcasting and rebroadcasting of excerpts of proceedings in the House.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee adjourned at 3.20 p.m. sine die.

No. 9

WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer

Mr Jobling

Apologies were received from Mr Jones, Mr Samios and Mr Vaughan.

Minutes of previous Meeting held 12 July 1993 were confirmed on motion of Mr Dyer.

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The Committee considered the Draft Report on the Guidelines for Broadcasting.

Paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 read and agreed to.

Recommendation 1 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 2.8 to 2.15 read, amended and agreed to.

Recommendations 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Appendix A, paragraphs 1.1 to 1.4 read, amended and agreed to.

Appendix A, paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 read, amended and agreed to.

Appendix A, paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 read and agreed to.

Appendix A, paragraph 4.1 read, amended and agreed to.

Appendix A, paragraphs 4.2 to 4.6 read and agreed to.

Appendix A, paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 read and agreed to.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bull: That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 5.2:

5.3 The Committee is in favour of television broadcasting of proceedings of the House. The Committee notes that the Legislative Council has resolved to agree in principle to the desirability of audio and television broadcasting of its proceedings, and that the Standing Orders Committee inquire into and prepare guidelines for the implementation of the broadcasting of proceedings.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Dyer: That the following recommendation be inserted at the end of Appendix A:

RECOMMENDATION 4:

That the guidelines relating to the recording of vision footage for file purposes, dated 21 August 1991, be amended to require that the date on which file footage is filmed is included with the caption "file footage".

Resolved, on motion of Mr Dyer: That the draft report as amended be the report of the Committee and that it be signed by the Chairman and presented to the House together with the minutes of evidence and the documents of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Dyer: That the Chairman and Clerk be permitted to correct grammatical and spelling errors in the Report.

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The Committee deliberated.

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The Committee adjourned at 11.51 a.m. until Thursday, 16 September 1993 at 1.00 p.m. in Room 1136.

No. 10

THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 1993

at Parliament House, Sydney, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs Evans (in the Chair)

Mr Bull
Mr Dyer

Mr Jobling
Mr Jones
Mr Vaughan

Apologies were received from Mr Samios.

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The Committee deliberated.

The Committee adjourned at 1:27 p.m. *sine die*.