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The Queensland Parliament appointed the Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee to examine the regimes and systems for the video broadcast of Parliament and recommend any necessary changes to present standards of coverage. The committee, which commenced on 14 February 2008, will report to Parliament in May 2008.

Media Release

BROADCAST OF PARLIAMENT SELECT COMMITTEE – REPORT TABLED

The Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee tabled its report, 'Inquiry into the Queensland Parliament video broadcast system', today.

The report contains the committee's findings and recommendations from its investigation into the Queensland Parliament's video broadcast system.

The committee found that the number of the cameras and feeds being supplied by the Queensland Parliament to the television media is equal to, if not superior to, broadcast systems operating in other Australian parliamentary jurisdictions.

The report recommends a number of changes be adopted to further improve the Parliament's broadcast system.

Key recommendations include:

- That technical improvements to the existing broadcast system be adopted to enhance the quality of footage broadcast;
- That the parliament's *Guidelines for Camera Operators* be amended to allow reaction shots of members;
- That following the adoption of the above recommendations, the parliament's broadcast system will be sufficient for the television media's reporting purposes; and
- That the guidelines by which the television media are permitted to film the proceedings of parliament be included in Standing Orders.

Committee Chair, Simon Finn, commended both the committee members and those who had provided information at the Committee's public hearings.

Mr Finn said, "The implementation of these recommendations will greatly enhance what is already the most accessible coverage of the proceedings of any state or territory parliament. With these technological enhancements, the parliamentary broadcast will be sufficient for television media reporting purposes."

Copies of the report are available online at the Committee's website at www.parliament.qld.gov.au/broadcast.

Information on the committee can be obtained through the Queensland Parliament's web page, www.parliament.qld.gov.au/broadcast or by contacting the committee's secretariat on 07 3406 7314 or broadcast.committee@parliament.qld.gov.au