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Mr Simon Finn MP
Chair
Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Finn

RE: Queensland Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee

In response to your letter of 29 February 2008 in relation to the Queensland Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee terms of reference and your specific questions I am pleased to provide the following –

The House of Assembly of the Parliament of South Australia does not at this time broadcast either sound or vision of the proceedings of the House beyond the Parliamentary estate. Audio of the proceedings of the House is transmitted within Parliament House and Old Parliament House only.

In answer to your specific questions to jurisdictions that do not video broadcast proceedings –

(1) The portions of the proceedings of the House that are permitted to be filmed or photographed by local television media.

Television film crews and accompanying journalists are permitted to film for rebroadcast any part of the proceedings of the House but only in the manner prescribed by the Conditions for Filming (see (2) below). In fact it is only Question Time which attracts the film crews on a regular basis. However, should a topical Bill or motion be debated or ceremonial event take place one or all of the four local television crews is often in attendance. Film crews are limited to a specific section of the upper Public Gallery from which to film. This area is also fitted with audio loop connections to ensure audio quality.

(2) Relevant media guidelines.

A copy of the Conditions for Granting the Privilege of Recording and Broadcasting or Publishing the Proceedings of the House of Assembly, last reviewed in February 1998 is attached.

(3) A copy of footage of proceedings taken by the media including, Question Time, in DVD form

The House of Assembly does not hold any footage filmed by television crews of the proceedings of the House.

The Speaker has announced his intention to webcast the proceedings of the House but has not committed to any firm timeline. Currently the House of Assembly Chamber is being fitted with new digital audio equipment for Hansard and broadcast purposes and the project has been scoped to accommodate video capture and broadcast as part of the solution.

With the video broadcast of the proceedings of the House of Assembly in prospect the Speaker and I await the results of your inquiry with interest. We would welcome the opportunity to provide further assistance your inquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Clerk on (08) 8237 9388 or ClerksOffice@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Lehman
Clerk
House of Assembly

**CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING THE PRIVILEGE OF RECORDING
AND BROADCASTING OR PUBLISHING THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**

February 1998

- 1 Cameras to focus on the Member on his or her feet speaking, with some scope for wide angle shots.
- 2 Fairness of reporting, with reasonable balance between both sides of the House and avoidance of undue concentration on any one Member.
- 3 Parliament not to be held up to ridicule.
- 4 No filming or photographing within the Assembly of any events other than on the floor of the Chamber without specific prior approval.*
- 5 Journalists, cameramen and photographers to obey any instruction given by Mr Speaker or from him through the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the Serjeant-at-Arms, Assembly Attendants or Police.
- 6 In the case of an unusual or important event occurring on the floor of the Chamber (outside the above guidelines) the Speaker's approval must be obtained to show the film or publish photographs of that event.
- 7 It is a fundamental term of these conditions that any breach of any of them may result in the immediate suspension of the privilege by Mr Speaker.

*This does not negate the standing approval for recording of Media Conferences but does preclude filming or photographing other events in any Gallery or anywhere else in the Assembly without specific prior approval.

NB Committees of the House of Assembly may have conditions for recording and broadcasting or publishing their proceedings which are at variance with the above.