



Speech by

**Hon. PETER BEATTIE**

**MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Video Broadcast of Parliamentary Proceedings**

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (10.22 am): One of my priorities since becoming Premier has been to engage with the Queensland community and endeavour to bring government closer to the people. I am therefore delighted that planning for the video broadcast of parliamentary proceedings is well underway. I look forward to hearing more about the progress of the broadcasting of parliament in the new year. Mr Speaker, I wish you well with it. I seek leave to have further details incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

While there are still some matters to be finalised before broadcasts begin I congratulate you on the initiative and thank the Parliamentary Service staff for their efforts to date to implement this important initiative.

Once in place all Queenslanders with access to the internet will be able to view proceedings of Parliament and develop a better understanding of our democratic processes.

Queensland is the most decentralised State in Australia, so it is important that we continue to find ways to assist Queenslanders, wherever they live, to become more involved in our democratic processes.

The video broadcasting initiative will build on the audio broadcast of proceedings that started in 2003. It also builds on the Regional Parliament initiative which has seen two very successful Regional Parliaments held in Townsville in 2002 and more recently in Rockhampton in October last year.

I look forward to hearing more about progress on the broadcasting of Parliament in the New Year.