

Committee Role Play

ADDITIONAL ROLES

Hansard Reporter

Parliamentary Committees are extensions of the House. This means that their work needs to be noted for the Record of Proceedings.

During your role play, the Hansard Reporter/s should, at a minimum, record the names of the committee members and witnesses.

The Hansard reporter could also attempt to record key information including the main point/s raised by each witness, questions asked by each committee member and, answers provided to committee members' questions. This information can then be provided to the committee to assist writing their report.

Hansard Reporters will need:

- Pen and paper

Committee Secretary

Committee Secretaries provide advice and research, as well as administrative and procedural support to the committees of the Parliament. By doing this work, the secretaries help committees to engage with the community.

During the role play, the Committee Secretary should assist the Committee Chair by keeping track of who is speaking and in what order.

Committee Secretaries will need:

- A copy of the master script
- Witness' names

Witness groups

Witness groups should nominate:

- one person to make their statement to the Committee on behalf of the group, and
- a few people who will answer questions from the Committee.

Larger classes may need to think of additional stakeholder groups.

Alternatively, the existing witness groups can be split into people who support or oppose the Bill.

