

**Legislative Assembly of British Columbia**  
**Hansard Services**  
**Broadcasting Guidelines**

The broadcasting guidelines ensure that the dignity of the House is respected. The following are the specific rules regulating cameras in the chamber.

1. The television and webcast coverage of the debates of the Legislature will be accurate, factual and complete and will in no way attempt to editorialize or dramatize the proceedings.
2. All proceedings in the Legislature, from the Speaker's procession until the adjournment of the sitting, will be recorded by Hansard Broadcasting Services. During waiting periods and recesses, a wide chamber shot will be maintained with audio reduced to ambient sound. (Full sound will be restored for calling of the division list.)
3. Committee of Supply, Section A proceedings will be webcast live and televised each sitting day after the House adjourns.
4. Full television and webcast coverage of Select Standing Committees in the Douglas Fir Committee Room will be done when explicitly provided for within the Terms of Reference of a committee and approved by the House.
5. Full audio-only live webcast coverage of all public select standing and special committees, wherever they occur, will be done for the 39th and subsequent Parliaments.
6. Only the member who has been recognized by the Speaker or Chairperson, and the Speaker or Chairperson, shall be recorded by the television cameras, with the following exceptions:
  - (a) Gallery shots of visitors will be done on a case-by-case basis with explicit approval from the Speaker or the Clerk.
  - (b) Floor shots of dignitaries will be done during special circumstances (excluding Throne and Budget speeches) on a case-by-case basis and with explicit approval from the Speaker or the Clerk. Prior approval is not required for routine government staff introductions during Estimates.
  - (c) Zoom shots will be done during Oral Questions and lengthy speeches, such as Budget Speech, Throne Speech and designated lead speakers on Address in Reply, and only during periods of good attendance in the area adjacent to the zoom shot.
  - (d) Wide applause shots of the floor of the House will be done during Introductions only and with prior approval from the Speaker or the Clerk. Applause shots may not be used during introductions of political personalities.
7. The camera shot of each member should be framed in a consistently similar manner — approximately from the waist to a point eight to twelve inches above the member's head.
8. Camera shots of the Speaker or Chairperson may vary: a medium chamber shot when Members are being recognized; a medium or close-up shot when rulings or points of order are being addressed; possible side camera shots to facilitate smooth camera switching.
9. Split screens, cut-aways or reaction shots will not be permitted.
10. Members speaking will be identified on screen by name with either party affiliation and riding, if a private member, or portfolio, if a member of cabinet. As well, the leaders of the opposition parties will be identified as such.

11. Textual information detailing the business or proceeding in which the House or Committee is engaged will be shown on screen to keep the viewers informed as much as possible, depending on time constraints. Additional general informational credits and graphics about orders of business may be broadcast outside normal sitting hours.
12. Televised proceedings are the express property of the Legislative Assembly. Broadcasts of the proceedings may be shown by television stations and/or cable operators live or by means of recordings. The broadcasting of debates is to be done without purposeful distortion.
13. Master recordings of the complete current session will be stored in the television production centre facility. Prior sessions are stored offsite. Hansard Services technicians will provide copies for Members and officers of the assembly upon request. Copies can be requested online by those with access to the Legislative Assembly intranet, ([http://intranet/08-hansard/hansard\\_television.asp](http://intranet/08-hansard/hansard_television.asp)) via e-mail ( [HansardTV@leg.bc.ca](mailto:HansardTV@leg.bc.ca) ), by contacting the Manager of Broadcasting Services at 250-356-9374 or by contacting Hansard reception at 250-387-3681.
14. The use of audio-video recordings of the debates of the Legislature is forbidden during any British Columbia provincial election, by-election or any public event of a politically partisan nature.
15. These guidelines shall be enforced by the Speaker. Specific concerns of Members regarding the televising of the proceedings shall not be raised in the House. Such concerns should be raised in private with the Speaker.
16. The television guidelines shall stand referred to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee. The Committee may conduct periodic reviews of the televising of legislative proceedings and consider such matters or concerns as may be referred to the Committee by the Speaker or by the House.
17. A breach of these guidelines will be considered a contempt of the House.
18. Live video of House proceedings, including Committee A and Select Standing Committee proceedings in the Douglas Fir Room, audio from meetings in committee rooms, and video of press conferences (produced by the Public Affairs Bureau) are broadcast on the Legislature's internal cable television system. For information on channel guides, please go to the Legislative Assembly intranet ( [http://intranet/08-hansard/hansard\\_television.asp](http://intranet/08-hansard/hansard_television.asp) ).
19. Exterior shots of Opening Day ceremonies, including the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor and her/his entrance into the Parliament Buildings, will be recorded with due care to avoid filming demonstrations or disturbances.

Further information on television coverage can be obtained from the office of the Director of Hansard Services at 250-387-0944.