Broadcasting of proceedings

Resolution adopted 9 December 2013

1 Provision of broadcast
(a) The House authorises the broadcast and re-broadcast of the proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the House, its committees and of the Federation Chamber in accordance with this resolution.
(b) The House authorises the provision of sound and vision coverage of proceedings of the House, its committees, and of the Federation Chamber, including records of past proceedings, through the House Monitoring Service and through the Parliament of Australia website.
(c) Access to the House Monitoring Service sound and vision coverage of the proceedings of the House, its committees and the Federation Chamber is provided to persons and organisations as determined by the Speaker, on terms and conditions determined by the Speaker which must not be inconsistent with this resolution.
(d) The Speaker shall report to the House on persons and organisations in receipt of the service and on any terms and conditions determined under paragraph 1(c).
(e) Use of sound and vision coverage of proceedings of the House, its committees and the Federation Chamber, including records of past proceedings, published on the Parliament of Australia website is subject to conditions of use determined by the Speaker.

2 Broadcast of House of Representatives and Federation Chamber proceedings – House Monitoring Service
Access to proceedings provided through the House Monitoring Service is subject to compliance with the following conditions:
(a) Only the following broadcast material shall be used:
   (i) switched sound and vision feed of the House of Representatives, its committees and the Federation Chamber provided by the Parliament that is produced for broadcast, re-broadcast and archiving; and
   (ii) official broadcast material supplied by authorised parliamentary staff.
(b) Broadcast material shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for:
   (i) political party advertising or election campaigns; or
   (ii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.
(c) Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
(d) Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast only if the withdrawal is also reported.
(e) The instructions of the Speaker or his or her delegates, which are not inconsistent with these conditions or the rules applying to the broadcasting of committee proceedings, shall be observed.

3 Broadcast of committee proceedings
The following conditions apply to the broadcasting of committee proceedings:
(a) Recording and broadcasting of proceedings of a committee is subject to the authorisation of the committee;
(b) A committee may authorise the broadcasting of only its public proceedings;
(c) Recording and broadcasting of a committee is not permitted during suspensions of proceedings, or following an adjournment of proceedings;
(d) A committee may determine conditions, not inconsistent with this resolution, for the recording and broadcasting of its proceedings, may order that any part of its proceedings not be recorded or broadcast, and may give instructions for the observance of conditions so determined and orders so made. A committee shall report to the House any wilful breach of such conditions, orders or instructions;
(e) Recording and broadcasting of proceedings of a committee shall not interfere with the conduct of those proceedings, shall not encroach into the committee’s work area, or capture documents (either in hard copy or electronic form) in the possession of committee members, witnesses or committee staff;
(f) Broadcasts of proceedings of a committee, including excerpts of committee proceedings, shall be for the purpose only of making fair and accurate reports of those proceedings, and shall not be used for:
   (i) political party advertising or election campaigns; or
   (ii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising;
(g) Where a committee intends to permit the broadcasting of its proceedings, a witness who is to appear in those proceedings shall be given reasonable opportunity, before appearing in the proceedings, to object to the broadcasting of the proceedings and to state the ground of the objection. The committee shall consider any such objection, having regard to the proper protection of the witness and the public interest in the proceedings, and if the committee decides to permit broadcasting of the proceedings notwithstanding the witness’ objection, the witness shall be so informed before appearing in the proceedings.

4 Radio broadcast of parliamentary proceedings by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—general principles

The House adopts the following general principles agreed to by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings on 19 March 2013:

(a) Allocation of the broadcast between the Senate and the House of Representatives

The proceedings of Parliament shall be broadcast live whenever a House is sitting. The allocation of broadcasts between the Senate and the House of Representatives will be in accordance with the standing determinations made by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. It is anticipated that over time, the coverage of each House will be approximately equal.

(b) Re-broadcast of questions and answers

At the conclusion of the live broadcast of either House, questions without notice and answers thereto from the House not allocated the broadcast shall be re-broadcast.

(c) Unusual or exceptional circumstances

Nothing in these general principles shall prevent the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings from departing from them in unusual or exceptional circumstances.

5 This resolution shall continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament.
Registration of Members’ interests
Requirements of the House of Representatives


(1) Registration of Members’ interests
That—
(a) within 28 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation as a Member of the House of Representatives each Member shall provide to the Registrar of Members’ Interests, a statement of—
(i) the Member’s registrable interests, and
(ii) the registrable interests of which the Member is aware
(a) of the Member’s spouse and (b) of any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support,
in accordance with resolutions adopted by the House and in a form determined by the Committee of Members’ Interests or by the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests from time to time, and shall also notify any alteration of those interests to the Registrar within 28 days of that alteration occurring, and
(b) the statement to be provided by a Member shall include:
(i) in the case of a Member who was not a Member of the House of Representatives in the immediately preceding Parliament, interests held at the date of his or her election and any alteration of interests which has occurred between that date and the date of completion of the statement, and
(ii) in the case of a Member who was a Member of the House of Representatives in the immediately preceding Parliament, interests held at the date of dissolution of the House of Representatives in the previous Parliament and any alteration of interests which has occurred between that date and the date of completion of the statement.

(2) Registrable interests
That the statement of a Member’s registrable interests to be provided by a Member shall include the registrable interests of which the Member is aware (1) of the Member’s spouse and (2) of any children
who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support, and shall cover the following matters:

(a) shareholdings in public and private companies (including holding companies) indicating the name of the company or companies;

(b) family and business trusts and nominee companies—
   (i) in which a beneficial interest is held, indicating the name of the trust, the nature of its operation and beneficial interest, and
   (ii) in which the Member, the Member’s spouse, or a child who is wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support, is a trustee (but not including a trustee of an estate where no beneficial interest is held by the Member, the Member’s spouse or dependent children), indicating the name of the trust, the nature of its operation and the beneficiary of the trust;

(c) real estate, including the location (suburb or area only) and the purpose for which it is owned;

(d) registered directorships of companies;

(e) partnerships indicating the nature of the interests and the activities of the partnership;

(f) liabilities indicating the nature of the liability and the creditor concerned;

(g) the nature of any bonds, debentures and like investments;

(h) saving or investment accounts, indicating their nature and the name of the bank or other institutions concerned;

(i) the nature of any other assets (excluding household and personal effects) each valued at over $7,500;

(j) the nature of any other substantial sources of income;

(k) gifts valued at more than $750 received from official sources, or at more than $300 where received from other than official sources provided that a gift received by a Member, the Member’s spouse or dependent children from family members or personal friends in a purely personal capacity need not be registered unless the Member judges that an appearance of conflict of interest may be seen to exist;

(l) any sponsored travel or hospitality received where the value of the sponsored travel or hospitality exceeds $300;

(m) membership of any organisation where a conflict of interest with a Member’s public duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise, and

(n) any other interests where a conflict of interest with a Member’s public duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise.
(3) Register and Registrar of Members’ Interests

That—

(a) at the commencement of each Parliament, and at other times as necessary, Mr Speaker shall appoint an officer of the Department of the House of Representatives as the Registrar of Members’ Interests and that officer shall also assist the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests in relation to matters concerning Members’ interests;

(b) the Registrar of Members’ Interests shall, in accordance with procedures determined by the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests, maintain a Register of Members’ Interests in a form to be determined by that committee from time to time;

(c) as soon as possible after the commencement of each Parliament the chairman of the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests shall table in the House a copy of the completed Register of Members’ Interests and shall also table from time to time as required any notification by a Member of alteration of those interests, and

(d) the Register of Members’ Interests shall be available for inspection by any person under conditions to be laid down by the Committee of Privileges and Members’ Interests from time to time.

Additional resolution adopted 13 February 1986

That any Member of the House of Representatives who—

(a) knowingly fails to provide a statement of registrable interests to the Registrar of Members’ Interests by the due date;

(b) knowingly fails to notify any alteration of those interests to the Registrar of Members’ Interests within 28 days of the change occurring, or

(c) knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Registrar of Members’ Interests,

shall be guilty of a serious contempt of the House of Representatives and shall be dealt with by the House accordingly.

Note: no reference has been made to—

(a) earlier registration and declaration requirements deleted on 13 February 1986, 22 October 1986, 30 November 1988 and 9 November 1994, and

(b) resolutions of 21 March 1985 and 13 February 1986 which related to the lodgement of initial statements of interests by Members of the 34th Parliament.