

Use of electronic devices in the Chamber, Federation Chamber and committees

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- (1) The House permits Members' use of electronic devices in the Chamber, Federation Chamber and committees, provided that:
 - (a) use of any device avoids interference or distraction to other Members, either visually or audibly, and does not interfere with proceedings – in particular, phone calls are not permitted and devices should be operated in silent mode;
 - (b) devices are not used to record the proceedings (either by audio or visual means);
 - (c) communication on social media regarding private meetings of committees or in camera hearings will be considered a potential breach of privilege; and
 - (d) the use of devices is as unobtrusive as possible and is directly related to the Members' parliamentary duties; and
- (2) The House notes that:
 - (a) communication via electronic devices, whether in the Chamber or not, is unlikely to be covered by parliamentary privilege; and
 - (b) reflections on the Chair by Members made on social media may be treated as matters of order just as any such reflections made inside or outside the Chamber.