



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Mr Tom Duncan

In relation to: Video quality

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Mr Duncan took on notice the following question:

MR WERNER-GIBBINGS: So this is more of living in the assembly or working in the assembly. So one of our roles as elected representatives is to inform and engage constituents about the democratic process, and a lot of the time it is using video taken in the chamber—you know, we make XY speech or to assist, get messages out, or let people know that their messages have been heard.

However, the broadcast cameras in the chamber are not of the—relatively of the highest quality. We have seen members bringing staff in with, you know, super HD stuff doing their own filming. Has the office explored how the camera quality in the chamber could be improved or upgraded? Are there thoughts about that?

Mr Braddock: That is an excellent question, Mr Werner-Gibbings, and I too have noted the quality of that does not aid the community appreciation of what is happening in the chamber, but I would be very interested to know if Mr Duncan or someone else can answer that.

Mr Duncan: Look, I might—the person that can probably answer that question is sitting in the broadcast booth has resumed, but I will not get him down. We did make a decision many years ago to webcast the proceedings—broadcast the proceedings. It was done at a very—the original cameras were very low quality and we have—I know we have upgraded them. I cannot recall when. I can happily provide that information to the committee. But at that time it was done on the cost—the costs were quite—relatively low.

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Mr Tom Duncan: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Assembly's broadcast cameras in the chamber and committee rooms are of a high-quality standard and can be reconfigured to produce high definition at the 1080p (pixels) resolution.

However, the cameras are integrated with the Assembly's internal audiovisual broadcasting system, which is integrated with the Parliamentary Portal's Video on Demand system, which collectively are configured to stream at the standard 720p resolution.

The 720p resolution has been in place since 2016 and was chosen on the basis that it uses less IT network and internet bandwidth which makes it more accessible to users of devices with smaller screens and slower internet connections.

However, the Office will investigate the possibility of optimising the 720p configuration by increasing the video frames per second rate from the current 30 fps to 50 fps, if that is achievable, Assembly members and staff will be given the opportunity to evaluate the quality of the resulting video stream.

If there is no noticeable improvement in the quality of the optimised 720p video stream, the Office can explore the cost of upgrading the video stream to the high definition 1080p resolution which will require more IT network and internet bandwidth, additional video storage capacity and may require other components of the Assembly's audiovisual broadcasting system to be upgraded.

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By the Acting Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the ACT, Andrew Braddock MLA