



Legislative Council Committee Proceedings

Rules

While waiting for proceedings to begin please take the opportunity to acquaint yourself with the Rules of the Committee Office.

Staff can also assist you with procedural advice, committee reports and transcripts of evidence.

Our Policy

It is the policy of the Legislative Council that its committees conduct their inquiries and gather evidence in public. Closed sessions are few and must be for a purpose specified in the rules of the House governing all committees.

The following Rules control the conduct of persons observing committee proceedings. The Rules operate independently of any direction a committee is entitled to give in the course of proceedings for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum.

Rules

While you are in a committee's presence you must not:

- converse with any person
- remain standing, or behave so as to hinder or obstruct other persons
- write or read
- record or note, whether by electronic, mechanical, or other means, part or all of the proceedings
- smoke or eat
- take photographs, or film or videotape proceedings
- behave in such manner as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the committee's proceedings.

Before entering the hearing room, please:

- turn off mobile (cell) phones, pagers, and any other communication or message device
- disable any camera.

Use of any recording equipment during committee proceedings is not permitted except where such use is authorized and relates to accredited media representatives reporting those proceedings. Media representatives will not be recognized as accredited if they are not wearing a parliamentary press pass.

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