

Parliament TV celebrates 5 years on air

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Parliament TV has been broadcasting and web-streaming proceedings live from the House of Representatives for 5 years. Replays were introduced in 2008, the video-on-demand site *In the House* was launched in 2009, and since 2010 viewers have been able to access simultaneous interpretation from Māori into English.



Inside the studios of Parliament TV. Photo: Office of the Clerk.

Parliament TV is a digital television service broadcast on Freeview channel 22 free-to-air, and on the Sky and iStream subscription platforms at channel 94. Parliament TV is also streamed live via this website.

Coverage of proceedings is made possible through the use of seven robotic cameras, positioned around the Chamber. These are operated remotely from separate studios by contractors engaged by the Office of the Clerk, with audio provided under contract by Radio New Zealand.

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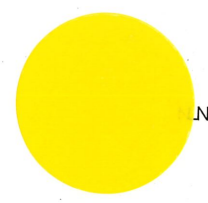
During a standard sitting week Parliament TV broadcasts from 2 pm to midnight:

- Tuesday and Wednesday:
 - live proceedings from 2 pm to 6 pm
 - replay of Question Time from 6 pm to 7.30 pm
 - live proceedings from 7.30 pm to 10 pm
 - replay of Question Time from 10 pm to midnight.
- Thursday:
 - live proceedings from 2 pm to 6 pm
 - full replay from 6 pm to midnight.

In the House allows viewers to watch specific members and debates on-line. Clips are usually posted 15 to 30 minutes after live transmission. *In the House* provides an archive of more than 12,190 videos dating back to September 2009 (see related link). It is run under contract for the Office of the Clerk by Tandem Studios.

Since the introduction of simultaneous interpretation from Māori into English at the beginning of 2010, Parliament TV has been broadcasting with a choice of audio streams. The "Live streaming" page explains how to use this facility. You can hear the audio stream direct from the House ("English and Māori" option) or listen to it interpreted into English when Māori is spoken ("English only" option).

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Writ Day

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The Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae signing official documents. Photo: Government House

Today the Governor-General issued **the writ**, which is the formal direction to the Electoral Commission to hold the 2014 general election. It officially sets the date for the election to be held, the closing date for candidate nominations and the latest date for the return of the writ with the final election results. It is issued within seven days of the dissolution of the previous Parliament.

Following this election, the writ must be returned by 9 October 2014, which is 50 days after it was issued. However if there is a judicial recount it may be delayed.

The writ is returned to the Clerk of the House and lists the name of every successful constituency candidate, as determined by the Electoral Commission based on the election results. The successful candidates are considered to be members of Parliament from the day after the return of the writ. A separate declaration is forwarded to the Clerk showing the names of the candidates elected from party lists. **The returned writ and declaration together certify that the elected representatives have the right to be members of Parliament.**

Writ day also marks the beginning of the 'election period'. This is the only time that party-political election advertising can be broadcast. The Electoral Commission allocates broadcasting time to parties, and public money to pay for it, based on factors such as the results of the previous election. Parties cannot exceed these allocations of broadcasting time and money. The election period ends at midnight on the day before election day.

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General election key dates (<http://www.elections.org.nz/events/2014-general-election/voting-2014-all-you-need-know/general-election-key-dates>)