

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA



Fact Sheet No. 6 HANSARD

Each day that the Legislative Assembly meets during a Session is called a "sitting".

Hansard is a printed booklet of the debates of each sitting, containing a verbatim record of speeches made. The House proceedings are recorded, transcribed, edited and typeset within a 24-hour period.

During the Committee of Supply's examination of Estimates, the sittings of Standing and Special Committees, or when Members sit in concurrent committees, Hansard staff working virtually around the clock, to maintain a 24 hour turn around time.

Oral Question Period is an important part of each sitting day. Hansard prepares and electronically mails a verbatim record of Question Period to Members and Officers of the Assembly and government offices before the end of each sitting day.

Hansard is also responsible for producing the following verbatim Committee transcripts:

- Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food
- Standing Committee on Justice
- Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs
- Standing Committee on Rules of the House
- Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development
- Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
- Standing Committee on Public Accounts
- Standing Committee on Statutory Regulations & Orders
- Standing Committee on Human Resources
- Standing Committee on Private Bills
- Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

Comprehensive indices of the proceedings of the House, its Committees, and of Question Period are also produced.

French to English simultaneous interpretation services are available daily in Question Period, and are made available at other times on request.

If another language is spoken, the translation will appear in Hansard only if the translation is provided to Hansard.

One copy of each day's Hansard is placed on each Member's desk in the Assembly. House and Committee Hansards are available free of charge on the Assembly web site at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/hansard/index.html>

ISYS is a program allowing the Legislative Building network user computer access to Hansard, from 1984 to present.

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Any questions respecting Hansard should be directed to the Manager of Hansard at (204) 945-2534.