

Media, parliament discuss broadcast feed interruptions

Following complaints from the South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef) about provision of the Parliamentary feed - audio and visuals - during disruptions in the National Assembly Chamber in August and November last year, parliamentary officials, members of Sanef and the Press Gallery Association (PGA) met to discuss the issue.

South Africa's major broadcasters, the SABC, ETV, Primedia and ANN7 were also at the meeting.



Urgent review of the policy

Parliament's officials gave a comprehensive overview of the current constitutional, legal and policy framework, within which filming and broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings occur.

Both the Sanef and the PGA called for the urgent review of the policy. The meeting agreed that the Sanef would make a written submission to Parliament motivating for the urgent review of the policy.

Parliament's officials informed the meeting of the improvement of broadcast quality and capability that will be operational from 12 February 2015. The infrastructure will enable parliament to provide greater variety of audiovisual feed.

Sanef was led by its Chairperson, Mpumelelo Mkhabela (also editor of the *Sowetan*) and its Executive Director, Mathatha Tsedu, the PGA by its Chairperson Thabo Mokone (also parliamentary correspondent for Times Media) and Paul Vecchiatto (also parliamentary correspondent for *Business Day*). The Deputy Secretary to Parliament, Penelope (Baby) Tyawa and Luzuko Jacobs, Parliament's Spokesperson led Parliament's delegation.

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