



## Appendix B–Proposed House Resolution Relating to the Use of Electronic Devices in the Chamber

That the House:

1. permits Members' use of electronic devices in the Chamber, Federation Chamber and committees, provided that:
  - a. use of any device should avoid interference or distraction to other Members, either visually or audibly, and should not interfere with proceedings – in particular, phone calls are not permitted and devices should be operated in silent mode;
  - b. devices are not permitted to record the proceedings (either by audio or visual means);
  - c. communication on social media regarding private meetings of committees or in camera hearings will be considered a potential breach of privilege; and
  - d. use of devices should be as unobtrusive as possible and should be directly related to the Members' parliamentary duties; and
2. notes:
  - a. that communication via electronic devices, whether in the Chamber or not, is unlikely to be covered by parliamentary privilege; and
  - b. reflections on the Chair by Members made on social media may be treated as matters of order just as any such reflections made inside or outside the Chamber.

