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**Embedding video clips of Parliament online**

Thank you for your letter of October 15 concerning embedding video clips of Parliament online.

As stated in your letter, the Commons Management Board agreed a recommendation in September 2009 to instigating a 12 month trial period for Parliament, Members and Broadcasters to allow the public to embed proceedings on their web sites. Following that decision, the principles for conditions were considered and agreed by the Administration Committee at their meeting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. PARBUL then prepared a letter of variation to the Speaker's licence which was signed by the Speaker on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 following the General Election. Following this, PARBUL was able to issue sub licences to permit embedding.

Since June 21 the BBC Democracy Live website has provided links to enable public users to get an embed code for inclusion of Parliamentary proceedings on their personal websites. The public are also now able to embed proceedings on their own sites from Parliament's website [www.parliamentlive.tv](http://www.parliamentlive.tv) or through the video links on the main [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk) website. Members are also permitted to enable onward embedding of their contributions from their websites, and the Parliamentary Recording Unit is able to provide further guidance and assistance. The Recording Unit can be contacted on 020 7219 5511 or [pru@parliament.uk](mailto:pru@parliament.uk)

The 12 month trial in place will end on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 when the current PARBUL broadcasting arrangements come to an end. Consideration is underway of licensing to be in place for the new arrangements, and it is expected that embedding will be a permanent feature built into the new licences.

I hope you find this information if helpful,

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