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Capturing and Publishing Parliamentary Records

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Introduction

- Parliament generates a lot of content from its various sittings in line with its legislative, oversight and representative mandate.
- ICT becomes a critical part of the legislative process, because not only does ICT facilitate the processes but also enhances information capturing, storage and dissemination.

Types of Information Captured

- Parliamentary Debates
- Committee Proceedings
- Plenary Attendance Register
- Plenary Voting
- Bills and Acts
- Ministerial Statements
- Speeches made on the Floor of **f** the House

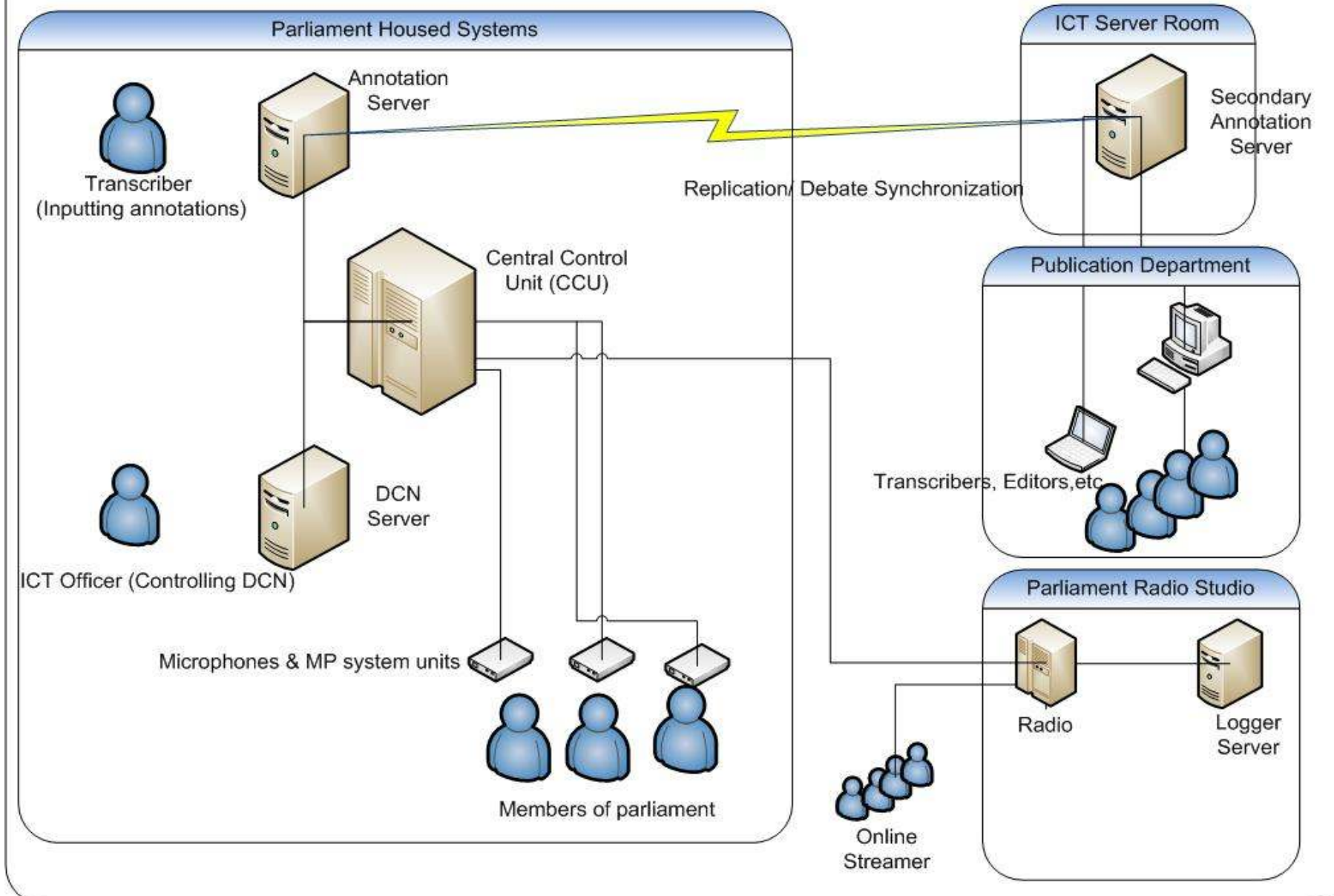
Reasons for Capturing, and Publishing

- To make national legislative information freely available to the public
(Taking Parliament closer to the people)
- When captured in certain formats it can be retained for much longer periods of time and in a most cost effective manner which mitigates environmental pollution.

How information is captured and published

- Using the Annotator (FTR – For the Record), speaker-attached and time-stamped audio recording of the chamber and committee proceedings are captured.
- The information captured is then synchronized with a server, which is accessible to transcribers from the comfort of their offices.

CHAMBER SYSTEMS



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- Using the Annotator (FTR), transcribers generate verbatim report of the proceedings of the House.
- Using the DCN (Digital Congress Network) system we are able to run an electronic register for the members of parliament using identity cards.
- Snapshot of results on next slide

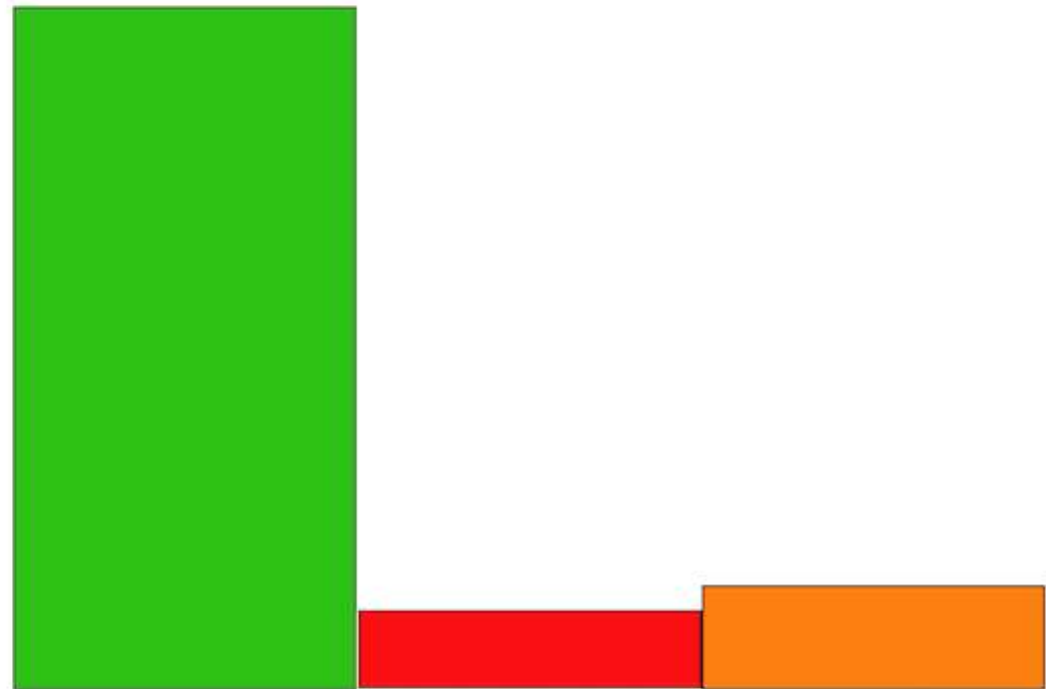
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CHIPUNGU	RUFUNSA	0074	15:18
CHITOTELA	PAMBASHE	0058	15:18
CHITUWO	MUMBWA	0010	15:13
IMENDA	LUENA	0142	15:19
KAINGU	MWANDI	0149	15:14
KALILA	LUKULU EAST	0140	15:19
KAZABU	NKANA	0022	15:16
KONGA	CHAVUMA	0103	15:18
LUNGWANGWA	NALI KWANDA	0144	15:13
MALAMA	CHITAMBO	0012	15:18
MBEWE	CHADIZA	0037	15:17
MBULAKULIMA	CHEMBE	0060	15:15
MBULU	KALULUSHI	0018	15:16
MONDE	ITEZHI-TEZHI	0130	15:16
MTOLO	CHIPATA CENTRAL	0042	15:17
MUCHELEKA	LUBANSENSHI	0093	15:19

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- The DCN system is also used to perform electronic voting. The results are displayed on the screens in the chamber for all members to see.
- The snapshots on the next slides...🎵

1/30/2014	Are we ready for the sitting	
15:34		No:16



	Yes	No	Abst.
Totals: 33	26	3	4
100%	78.79%	9.09%	12.12%
■ 33		■ 0	



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- The DCN feeds into Parliament Radio transmission system to enable the live coverage of proceedings by either the Plenary Assembly or Committee sitting.
- Parliament Radio broadcasts to the rest of the country.
- The studio enables us stream radio transmissions online. The streamer can be accessed from the parliamentary website.

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- Using the website, we publish most of the content that is generated by parliament, including and not limited to the ones below:
 - Transcripts of parliamentary debates proceedings
 - Committee reports
 - Order Paper (Agenda)

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- Bills and Acts of Parliament
- Ministerial Statements
- MPs' parliamentary contributions
 - Points of Order and Rulings
 - Questions for Oral and Written Answers
 - Supplementary Questions
 - Vice President's questions time
- Audio streaming link for Parliament Radio

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- Digitization of literature by the parliamentary library
- Old debates and proceedings are being digitized
 - Easy storage and retrieval
 - Easy access to information by stakeholders

Results

- A more informed and involved society
- With live radio broadcast and streaming of the proceedings of Parliament and Committee sittings, more people have been reached.
- And the people's interest in national legislative matters has increased tremendously.

Challenges

- DCN and FTR systems are running on Windows XP, which requires more resources to support compared to the newer versions of the Operating System. We are currently exploring the possibility of running the systems on Windows 7.

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- Publishing of highly searchable content on the website has not been easy too. For this reason we are developing a new website whose content is easily searchable.

Thank you!!!!