



Defamation Act 1996

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- 10 Summary disposal: rules of court
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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

Evidence concerning proceedings in Parliament

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Statutory privilege

- 14 Reports of court proceedings absolutely privileged
15 Reports, &c. protected by qualified privilege

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Qualified privilege

Part I — STATEMENTS HAVING QUALIFIED PRIVILEGE WITHOUT
EXPLANATION OR CONTRADICTION

- 1 A fair and accurate report of proceedings in public of...
2 A fair and accurate report of proceedings in public before...
3 A fair and accurate report of proceedings in public of...
4 A fair and accurate report of proceedings in public anywhere...
5 A fair and accurate copy of or extract from any...
6 A notice or advertisement published by or on the authority...
7 A fair and accurate copy of or extract from matter...
8 A fair and accurate copy of or extract from matter...

Part II — STATEMENTS PRIVILEGED SUBJECT TO EXPLANATION OR
CONTRADICTION

- 9 (1) A fair and accurate copy of or extract from...
10 A fair and accurate copy of or extract from a...
11 (1) A fair and accurate report of proceedings at any...
12 (1) A fair and accurate report of proceedings at any...
13 (1) A fair and accurate report of proceedings at a...
14 A fair and accurate report of any finding or decision...
15 (1) A fair and accurate report of, or copy of...
Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS
16 (1) In this Schedule— “court” includes any tribunal or body...
17 (1) Provision may be made by order identifying—

SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals