

- (a) In the event of there being only two political parties, the total time will be divided equally between the parties.
- (b) When there are more than two qualifying parties, time will be divided in the following ratio: Two periods to the party in power, three periods to be divided among qualifying opposition parties.
- (c) In the event parties cannot agree on the division of free time, the matter may be referred to the Board of Broadcast Governors to allocate the time available in such a fair and reasonable manner as it deems necessary.

The status of national political parties will be determined by Section II.1(b). The status of provincial political parties will similarly be determined by Section II.2(b).

For any broadcast, the leader of a qualifying party may nominate a substitute. However, the content of such political broadcasts will be the full responsibility of party leaders, being subject only to the general rules and regulations of the Board of Broadcast Governors.

- 2. During a federal election campaign the between-election federal series of programs will be cancelled, and during a provincial election campaign the provincial series of between-election programs will be cancelled.

IV. AVAILABILITY OF CBC STATIONS

1. Paid Political Broadcasts

CBC stations are not available for paid political or controversial broadcasting. The only exception to this rule is for those CBC stations serving an area not covered by any privately-owned station which may broadcast a limited amount of paid political broadcasting during federal, provincial or municipal election campaigns, or federal and provincial by-elections.

2. Local Broadcasts by Members of Parliament

The CBC is prepared, if requested by a Member of Parliament or of a Provincial Legislature, to broadcast talks by him to his constituents on Corporation stations which serve an area not covered by any privately-owned radio stations, under the following conditions:

- (a) The talks will be reports on the work of Parliament or the Legislature and will not be partisan or controversial. They will be given only when Parliament or the Provincial Legislature is sitting. They will be discontinued during a federal or provincial election campaign.
- (b) The talks will be limited to a total duration of fifteen minutes per month (either one fifteen minute talk, or two talks whose total duration does not exceed fifteen minutes).
- (c) Normally the talks by Members of Parliament will be recorded under the supervision of the Public Affairs Department, Ottawa. However, it is possible for the Member of Parliament to deliver a talk directly from the local CBC station while the House is sitting, if arrangements are made beforehand with the Public Affairs Department, Ottawa.
- (d) Where a constituency is served by more than one CBC station the same talk(s) must be broadcast on each of the stations. The Member will not deliver one talk on one station and a different talk on another station.