

Privilege

58. (1) Cabinet members, Deputy Ministers and members of the National Assembly—
- (a) have freedom of speech in the Assembly and in its committees, subject to its rules and orders; and
 - (b) are not liable to civil or criminal proceedings, arrest, imprisonment or damages for—
 - (i) anything that they have said in, produced before or submitted to the Assembly or any of its committees; or
 - (ii) anything revealed as a result of anything that they have said in, produced before or submitted to the Assembly or any of its committees.
- (2) Other privileges and immunities of the National Assembly, Cabinet members and members of the Assembly may be prescribed by national legislation.
- (3) Salaries, allowances and benefits payable to members of the National Assembly are a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund.

[S. 58 amended by s. 4 of the Constitution Sixth Amendment Act of 2001.]

Public access to and involvement in National Assembly

59. (1) The National Assembly must—
- (a) facilitate public involvement in the legislative and other processes of the Assembly and its committees; and
 - (b) conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings, and those of its committees, in public, but reasonable measures may be taken—
 - (i) to regulate public access, including access of the media, to the Assembly and its committees; and
 - (ii) to provide for the searching of any person and, where appropriate, the refusal of entry to, or the removal of, any person.
- (2) The National Assembly may not exclude the public, including the media, from a sitting of a committee unless it is reasonable and justifiable to do so in an open and democratic society.