**Getting to the National Council**

***Where is the National Council located?***

The National Council is located next to Gyalyong Tshokhang at Langjophaka about 2.5 kilometres from the city centre between the Dechen Lam stretch and the Wangchu river.

***How can I get to the National Council?***

**You could take the city bus or come by taxi. If you drive** the public entrance to the Council is via the Gate II from the Langjopakha highway. **(Click here for Map).** Public parking facilities are available subject to availability.

***How can I contact the Secretariats of National Council?***

The National Council secretariat may be contacted via mail at [sonamtobgye@nationalcouncil.parl.bt](mailto:sonamtobgye@nationalcouncil.parl.bt) and by calling 02-337371/2/4 on weekdays.

**Visiting the National Council**

***When can I visit the Council?***

**You can book a visit online to tour the Council through the link on their website. T**here will be no tours when it is in session, but you can attend sitting.

***How do I know if Council is sitting?***

Information of sittings is generally made public through the media. Such information can also be found on the council website.

***What is the acceptable dress code while visiting the Council?***

Visitors are required to dress formally. Parliament reserves the right to refuse entry to all visitors who are inappropriately attired.

**Visiting the Council on a Sitting Day**

***Are Council proceedings open to public?*** Yes.

***How can I attend a Council sitting ?***

Admission passes for public galleries opens an hour before sitting begins at 10 am. The gallery pass counter is located on the ground floor of the Gyelyong Tshokhang on the left side of the eastern or public entrance. Visitors need to produce CID to obtain the admission pass. Admission is given if seats are available in the public galleries. You can get in touch with the Council secretariat via email or telephone to confirm any change in schedule or availability of seats.

***Are foreigners allowed to observe the proceedings?***

Yes. Foreigners are allowed to observe proceedings and requirements for admission are the same as for Bhutanese citizens.

***What documents do I need to bring along to apply for a gallery pass?***

You need to bring your identity card or passport which will be kept at the public entrance security check until you leave.

***How long is a sitting?***

Sittings start at 10 am and end at 1:30 pm with a recess at 11 am. But on occasions sittings it can extend into the afternoon.

***Do I have to remain for the entire duration of the sitting?***

Visitors can arrive and leave at any time between the start of and the end of a sitting.

***What are the rules I must observe during a sitting?***

Visitors must not create any disturbance or interruption during parliamentary proceedings.

***Where can I find the agenda for a sitting?***

The agenda for each sitting is usually posted a day in advance on the website of the National Council.

***Where can I find the Official Report of the proceedings?***

The official Report is can be found on the Council website.