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Live transcription in the House of Commons galleries

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The Honourable Greg Fergus, Speaker of the House of Commons, is pleased to announce the launch of a new live transcription application in the House of Commons galleries. This initiative is part of the [*House of Commons Accessibility Plan 2023–2025*](#).

Each year, close to 20,000 visitors come to the House of Commons galleries to watch deliberations live during Question Period. Committed to making debates more accessible, we now offer a live transcription application to help persons who are deaf or hard of hearing follow the deliberations more easily. The application can help people in the gallery follow debates by displaying the live transcription on a tablet attached to certain seats.

Eight seats—reserved in priority for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing—are now equipped with a secure tablet that can only be used to display the live transcription of deliberations in both official languages.

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