

Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014

Committee Stage

Amendments to be moved by the Chief Secretary for Administration

Clause

Amendment Proposed

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By deleting the clause and substituting—

“3. Section 79A amended (interpretation)

Section 79A—

Repeal the definition of *live television link*

Substitute

“*live television link* (電視直播聯繫) means a system—

- (a) in which a courtroom and another room located in the same premises as the courtroom are equipped with, and linked by, audio-visual facilities that are capable of allowing—
 - (i) persons in the courtroom to see and hear persons in the other room; and
 - (ii) persons in the other room to hear, or see and hear, persons in the courtroom; and
- (b) installed for allowing persons in the other room to give evidence in the proceedings taking place in the courtroom,

and includes a similar system linking a room in which a magistrate is taking a deposition in writing under section 79E with another room from which the person gives evidence for the purpose of the deposition;”.

New

In Part 2, by adding—

“3A. Section 79B amended (evidence by live television link)

After section 79B(5)—

Add

“(6) The audio-visual facilities used in a live television link must be approved by the Chief Justice.”.

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In the proposed section 80(6)—

- (a) by adding “or reasons reduced to writing under subsection (4)” after “subsection (2)”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), by deleting “and”;
- (c) in paragraph (c), by deleting the full stop and substituting “; and”;
- (d) by adding—
 - “(d) make a copy of the reasons available to the public through the Internet.”.