



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

AI for Parliamentary Transcriptions

Regional Experiences: House of Commons, Canada

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Technology Selection Criteria



Transcription Accuracy

High fidelity to the spoken word, ensuring reliable and trustworthy records of proceedings



Bilingual Processing Capability

Supports accurate transcription in both official languages without reliance on interpreted audio feeds



On-Demand Processing

Enables submission and reprocessing of audio segments, improving resiliency and recovery from errors



Cost Efficiency

Delivers value for money while supporting ongoing transcription at scale



Vendor & Community Support

Reliable support through vendor services and active user communities to ensure continuity and rapid issue resolution



On-Premise Deployment





Ensures data sovereignty and supports secure handling of in camera proceedings

AI IN PRACTICE

TRANSPARENCY REQUIRES MORE THAN SPEED





PROOF OF CONCEPT

(Expected Outcome)

-  Faster transcript production
-  Reduced manual effort
-  Streamlined workflow
-  Consistent gains across products

OPERATIONAL REALITY

(Current State)

-  Performance varies by context
-  Continued need for human editing
-  Integration challenges remain
-  Differences between Debates and Committees

AI in a Bilingual Parliament



Challenges:

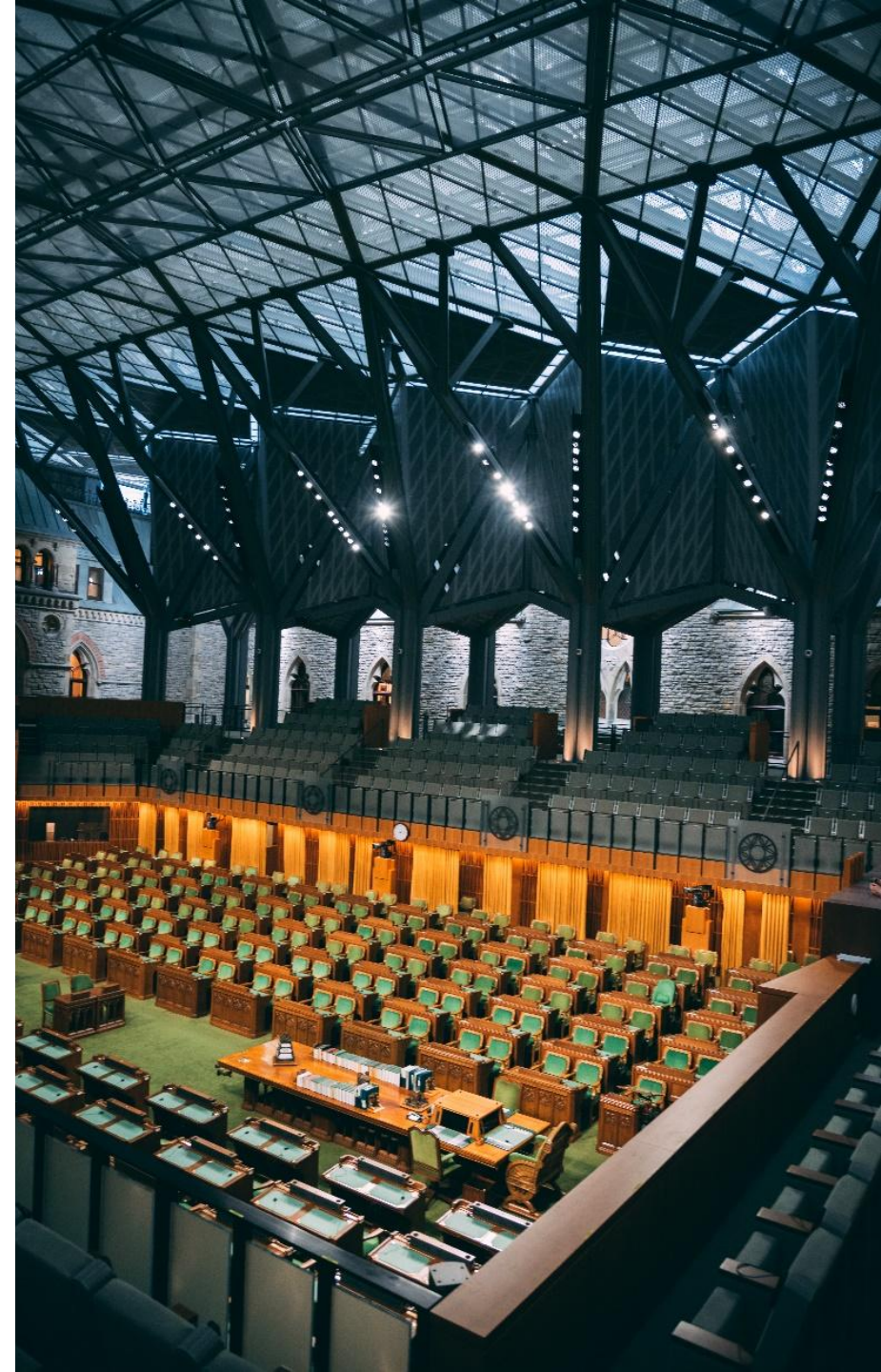
- Language mixing (EN/FR)
- Spoken vs written French
- Translation vs transcription



Mitigation:

- Human validation
- Editorial correction
- Continuous refinement

Accuracy across languages is essential to transparency





ASR in Practice: What is Actually Changes

STRENGTHS

- Faster production of initial transcripts
- Support high-volume environment
- Strong potential demonstrated in testing

REALITY

- Output requires significant validation
- Language and structure inconsistencies
- Editing effort remains high

AI does not replace the work – it changes where the work happens

BUSINESS-TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP

Close collaboration enabled us to adapt to challenges, re-establish stability, and deliver incremental improvements



CONTINUOUS FEEDBACK

Ongoing collaboration to address integration challenges and strengthen reliability, availability, and accuracy



CLEAR PRIORITIZATION

Focused on business impact, prioritizing stability and minimizing disruption before enhancements



ITERATIVE IMPROVEMENT

Delivered enhancements in cycles, enabling continuous stabilization and performance gains over time