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LETTERS:

TV cameras in court?

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SIR – Why the rush to film court proceedings? It's not as though it's been a hot topic in the pub, bus or boardroom.

Ken Clarke says it's about transparency. Criminal-court proceedings already are transparent. 1

I've seen no mention of how much this will cost us, the taxpayer. I have no doubt that hard-pressed crown court staff are not impressed with money being spent on this when their numbers have been cut beyond the minimum and they are at breaking point.

PAUL NUTTAL

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SIR – Your leading article on the proposed televising of court proceedings (7 September) mentions in passing "the possibility of doing away with wearing wigs and gowns in court on the grounds that they overawe ordinary people".

Overawe? On the contrary. On seeing a judge in full panoply, or a barrister in wig and gown, the natural reaction of any normal, healthy person is to fall about laughing. 2

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SIR – What an appalling suggestion that cameras be allowed in courts at all, let alone for the sentencing only. The courtroom is not a happy environment. 3

And what about miscarriages of justice? The public would have only the verdict on which to form an opinion on those involved.

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The Independent, 2011

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- 2p 36 Drie van de onderstaande vier zinnen (a, b, c, d) zijn uit de brieven weggelaten:
- a It would certainly make sense to get rid of this practice if "ordinary people" are to take the legal system seriously.
 - b Members of the public can go along, watch and listen.
 - c The chance to appear on television certainly provides one with an opportunity to exercise one's ego.
 - d Why on earth should it be the public's right to use other people's tragedy as entertainment?
- Noteer het nummer van elke brief, gevolgd door de letter van de zin die er uit is weggelaten. *Let op: je houdt één van de vier zinnen over.*