



## Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section

### SURVEY

**To be used at:** Research Day - August 18, 2006  
(Pre-IFLA Conference 2006, Seoul Korea)

#### Working arrangements between parliamentary library and research services

Dear Colleague

We are conducting a survey to gain information about the variety of ways in which parliamentary library and research services function in different parliaments. We hope the information gained from the survey will be useful in giving information about the variety of ways in which parliamentary library and research services work. More specifically, the information will be used at the session on *librarians and researchers, working together – or not?* during the research day at the Conference of Parliamentary Librarians in Seoul in August 2006.

**Please complete** the following brief survey on the following two pages and return the form to Keith Cuninghame at the House of Commons Library, preferably by email to [cuninghamekg@parliament.uk](mailto:cuninghamekg@parliament.uk) .

Alternatively the response can be:

faxed to 44 (0)20 72190812

mailed to Keith Cuninghame, House of Commons Library, London SW1A 2DG, United Kingdom.

**Deadline:** Please return your response by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2006** at the latest.

Queries. If you have any queries about filling in the survey please get in touch with one of us

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**Working Arrangements between parliamentary library and research services questionnaire 2006**

	<p><b>Part A.</b> Please read through the descriptions below of the different working arrangements between parliamentary library and research services. Please tick the box in the right hand column that most closely describes the arrangements in your parliament. Add any comments you wish to in the 'comments' box</p>	<p>Tick ONE box</p>
1	The librarians and the researchers are in separate departments or sections of the parliamentary administration. There are no overall manager with responsibility for both	
2	The librarians and researchers are in separate departments or sections of the parliamentary administration, but there are is an overall manager responsible for both	
3	The librarians and the researchers are in the same department or section of the parliamentary administration, but function largely separately from each other	
4	There are librarians and researchers working together in research subject teams, as well as reference or information librarians providing other services elsewhere in the same department or section	
5	All services provided by librarians and by researchers are provided through integrated teams working within the same department or section of the parliamentary administration	
6	The research service is not provided directly by parliamentary staff but under contract to academics, research institutes or similar	
7	No research service is provided in my parliament	
8	Other. Please give details in the 'comments' box below	
<p><b>Comments.</b> Please add any comments or explanation if you wish</p>		

**Part B.**

This part of the survey is seeking opinions on the effectiveness of cooperation between researchers and librarians in parliaments, regardless of whatever the organisational arrangements are that apply.

*1. Please tick the box below that in your opinion most accurately describes the effectiveness of the cooperation and working arrangements between librarians and researchers in your parliament. Please tick **one** box*

Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	Don't know/not applicable
Work closely together, with mutual respect. They are clear about respective roles, with the skills of each group used very effectively but flexible. Communication is very good	Generally work well together and the expectations of each group are usually met and roles generally understood and skills of each group generally used effectively	Some understanding of respective roles and some communication. Respective skills are made use of but not as effectively as they could be and there is scope for improvement in communication	No or very limited contact or communication and little or no mutual respect or understanding of roles. Failure to use respective skills properly	

*Please add any comments if you wish*

*2. Please say what works well in your system and what does not work so well*

*3. If you could start from scratch, how would you organise the relationship between researchers and librarians?*