Research service
Parliament of Finland

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A big change

• from traditional general research/information service
• to expert support for Members and other clients
• a challenge to a service with 10 people and 3500 requests per year
Why?

- Members’/clients’ needs have changed
- nature of the requests have changed
- more complex
- national, European, global
- more in-depth
- economic impact analysis
Why?

- Changes in Parliament
- legislation, budget, control function, EU affairs
- role of the opposition
- role of the factions
- economic impacts of decisions
How?

• recruitment
• qualifications:
  – fairly wide fields of expertise
  – ability to analyse and summarize

• close contacts to factions
How?

• by creating a function of economic analysis
  – started in 2011 with one economist
  – in 2013 two people more
  – impacts on budget
  – impact on individuals/households
  – etc.
Procedure

- strategy (this is the key)
- support from the management
- support from the clients

- all this takes time
Thank you!