



PARLIAMENT
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DEVELOPMENT, **TRANSFORMATION** and CO-OPERATION IN LIBRARY AND RESEARCH SERVICES IN PARLIAMENTS



Transformation –
completely change the
appearance or character to
a **better** appearance or
character



Our Changing World

Information is instantly available and accessible

We tweet, send text messages and emails have replaced letters

The cell phone is the centre of our communication, banking and information needs



Our Changing World

Travel is becoming more accessible

Increased relative isolation and lack of advancement

Climate change is a reality

The demographic character of continents is changing.



Parliaments across the world
have to adapt to the
changing world and take
decisions in a changing world



We, the custodians of
information and knowledge
in the parliaments across
the world, have to adapt
and transform



The 5th Parliament, is a transformational Parliament

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Strategic Outcomes

- To enhance oversight and accountability over the work of the executive.
- To co-operate and collaborate with other spheres of government
- Enhance public involvement



Strategic Outcomes

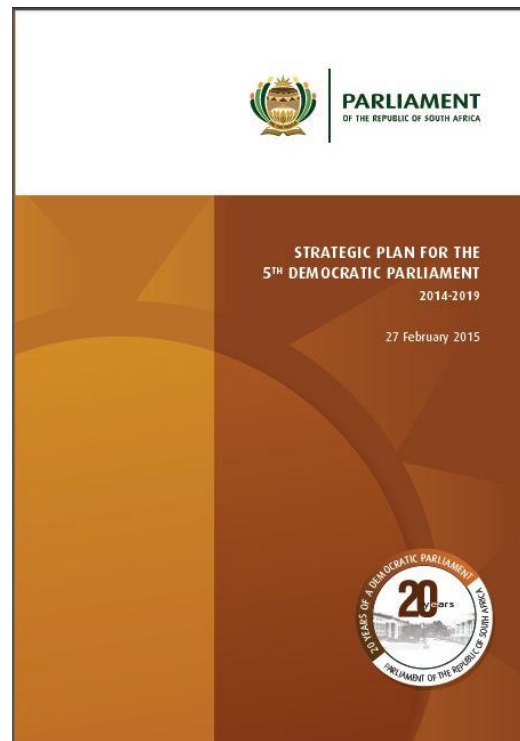
- Enhance international engagement and co-operation.
- Enhance legislative power.
- To build a capable parliamentary service to assist the members of parliament.



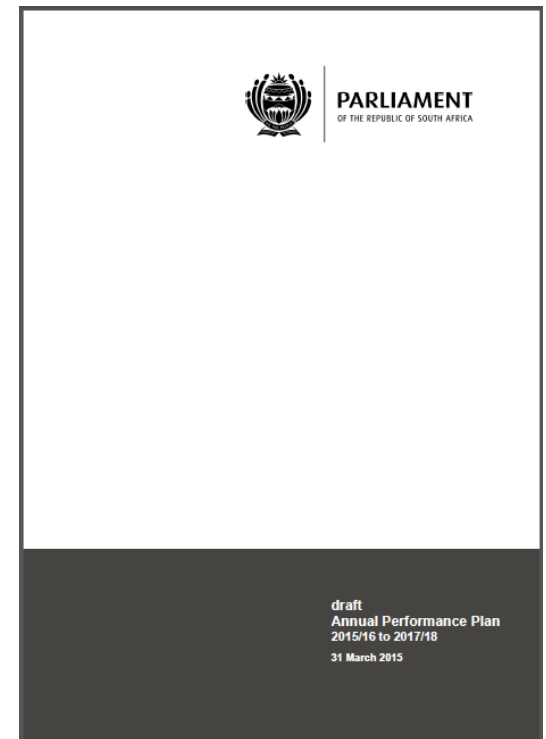
Orientation: *Policy priorities*



Strategy: *Strategic Plan*



Implementation: *APP 2015/16*



Tabled documents on www.parliament.gov.za



Implementation Plans

- Improve the relationship between the administration and the Parliamentarians
- Build relations and improve cooperation between Parliament and the provincial legislatures
- Build capacity



Implementation Plans

- Utilize current technology and acquire new and innovative technologies
- Increase the reach and access of information by the public
- Reduce turnaround time
- To improve budget analysis



Implementation Plans

- Oversight model.
- To enhance law-making
- To increase the overall levels of efficiency.
- Participate in parliamentary international relations and cooperation.



Implementation Plans

- To improve facilities for members and support staff
- Effective financial management



Information is the key to success



Transformation in research services provided



Transformation in library services



Transformation in knowledge management within Parliament



Our Challenge

Are we providing current and relevant information, that is accessible at all times, in the language of choice and in a format which is understood by the recipient?



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Thank you