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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 5\textsuperscript{th} Parliament, is a transformational Parliament

- BUSINESS UNUSUAL
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

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?
Thank you