STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH & LIBRARY SERVICES IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD: THE MALAYSIAN EXPERIENCE

Date: 24th August 2018
PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICE
- Introduction
- Structure & Organization
- Services & Products
- Programmes & Activities

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY SERVICE
- Introduction
- Services & Products
- eLibrary
- Programme

Challenges
Way Forward
The ultimate reason for establishing a parliamentary research service is to provide non-partisan and balanced analysis that is adapted to the need of parliamentarians.

(Guidelines for Parliamentary Research Services, 2013)
The Parliamentary Research Division of the Parliament of Malaysia was established in October 2005 and currently consists of 15 researchers.

Consists of four sections headed by a Head of Division (HOD):
Assisting MPs in research work and gathering information to improve the quality of debates in the House;

Provides a review of the bill in Parliament;

Provides briefs and speaking notes for international conferences.
PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH PRINCIPLES

➢ Impartial
➢ Clear & Authoritative
➢ Accessible
➢ Timely Relevant
➢ Confidential

➢ Bill Review;
➢ Debate Note;
➢ Brief and Speaking Note;
➢ Special Issue; and
➢ Note and Analysis (Requests from MPs).
## Statistics 2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Count</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Bill Review</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Debate Note</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Brief and Speaking Note</td>
<td>189</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Special Issue</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Other matters</td>
<td>97</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES

➢ Round Table Discussion
➢ Networking & Outreach Programme
➢ Organizing Programme/Workshop related to Parliament
➢ Engagement with State Assemblies
➢ Participate in International Conference and Course (Cambodia, India, Korea, etc)
➢ Training and Development programmes (WFD, AIPA)
PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY SERVICE
“Parliamentary libraries contribute to the effectiveness of parliament by providing authoritative, independent, non-partisan and relevant information”.

(Source: Inter Parliamentary Union, the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments and IFLA)
The library has a collection of approximately 44,812 items in various forms and in fields such as law, political science and others.

Provides services to stakeholders.

Public must obtain prior approval to use the services by submitting a written or online application.
SERVICES & PRODUCTS

- Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)
- Parliamentary Publication
- Malaysia Legislative Collection
- Other Collection
- Special Collection
Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)

➢ To facilitate searching and finding of the necessary materials.

➢ The OPAC Web contains details of information such as call number, material information, loan status and others.

➢ The system is accessible via the official portal of Parliament of Malaysia.
Parliamentary Publication

- Hansard of the Senate and House of Representatives
- Order Paper
- Minutes of Proceeding
- Bill
- Command Paper
- Statute Paper
- Committee Report
Malaysia Legislation Collection

- Straits Settlement and Federated Malay States Laws
- Subsidiary Legislature
- Acts
- Amended Acts
- Enactment
- Ordinance
- Government Gazettes
Other Collection

- Journal
- Monograph
- Database

Collection of Malayan Law Journal
Proceedings of The Federal Council of The Federated Malay States
Proceedings of The Federal Legislative Council
Personal Collections of MPs donated to the library.

The project was started in 2017 and is still ongoing.

Material contributed includes collections of books authored by MPs or their personal collection.
Form of coffee table books such as biography of previous Speakers, history, important events and bulletin.
Databases available in the library service among others are:

- Current Law Journal Legal (CLJ Network)
- MalaysiaKini.com
- Malaysia Laws (LawNet)
- Journal of Parliamentary Affairs
- Journal of Legislative Studies
Contains digitized documents comprising of materials such as:

i. 2nd Legislative Council Minutes and Council Papers (March 1955 to June 1955);

ii. Advisory Council Minutes Agenda (1946-1948);

iii. Hansard of the Federal Legislative Council Proceedings (February 1948 to February 1948 – First Session);

iv. Index Guide on Malaysia Bill from 1949 – 2017;

“Books on the Go”.

Let’s Read Together 10 Minutes.

Education and Awareness Programme.

Participate in International Book Fiesta.

Desk to Desk.
“Books on the Go”

➢ An effort to inculcate reading culture.
➢ Strengthening its function and role in disseminating information and reading materials to the MPs.
➢ The programme is in line with the Malaysia Parliamentary transformation in ensuring the best quality of service.
The programme was held in conjunction with the World of Book and Copyright 2018.

The main purpose of the programme is to encourage reading culture among Malaysians.
Desk to Desk is a library outreach programme where library services reach stakeholders at their office.
Education and Awareness Programme

➢ Advocacy and enrichment programme to the stakeholders.

➢ e.g. Information literacy, Info-Hunt, Benchmarking visit, quizzes, etc.
CHALLENGES & WAY FORWARD
CHALLENGES

- Human Resource (Skill)
- Facilities
- Networking with other institutions
- Reading culture
- Limited resources
- Budget allocation
WAY FORWARD

➢ Building capacity, knowledge and skills.
➢ New building and advance facilities.
➢ Strengthening and upgrade the existing system in line with current technology.
➢ Various resources to cater to the parliamentarians’ needs.
➢ Increase budget allocation.
THANK YOU

SEKIAN, TERIMA KASIH

Contact/email: subpp@parlimen.gov.my