

# The relationship between research services and library services in parliamentary libraries

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### Parliament and information

Make the law

Debate important issues

Scrutinise government activity

**Authorise finance** 

Represent the people



## What kind of library and research service does your Parliament need?

- What does your Parliament need?
- How does your Parliament want to develop?
- What kind of library and/or research service will support the development of the Parliament?



## Qualitative survey

- Sample of countries from the Standing Committee
- Indicative
- Shows the range of options
- Some interesting background material such as structure diagrams

## What do librarians do?

Find Evaluate

Organise Search

Manage data
Train Disseminate



## What do researchers do?

Brief



Consult Synthesise Analyse



## Examples of research questions

- how does this year's budget compare to last year's budget?
- what countries would be good role models for us?
- How does the average income for my electorate?
- Which countries have a model strategy for a knowledge economy?
- What legislation do other countries have for a particular issues?

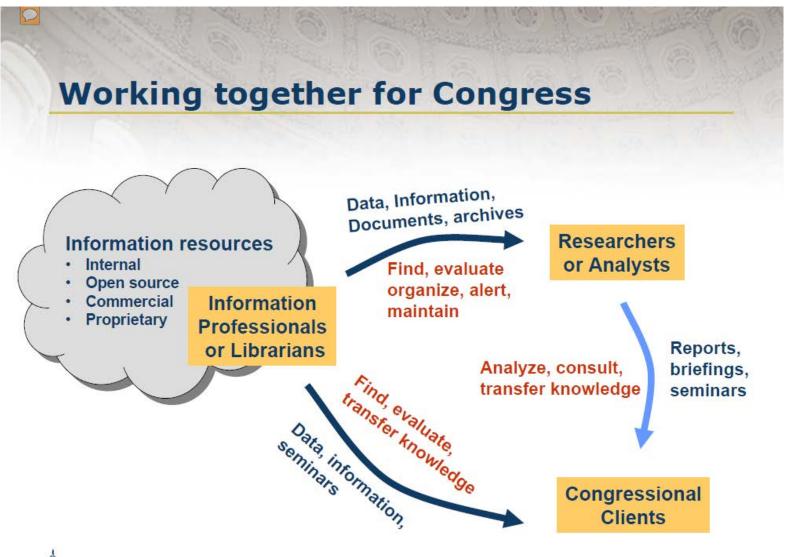


## Librarians & researchers working together

- UK Single point of access
- UK members don't distinguish between library and research services
- US researchers have narrow but deep knowledge
- US librarians teach, deliver, manage information, broader subject areas
- Scotland so merged there is no concept of differentiation



## **United States**







## Japan

#### Overview of our Services for Diet Member

#### **Our Research Policy**

Extensive, Prompt and Appropriate in Confidential and Nonpartisan Manners

#### **Research on Request**

(38,000 answers per year)

#### Lectures and Meetings

Researchers provide lectures and participate in meetings held by Diet Members. (600 cases per year)

#### Research Report

Researchers provide customized research reports including summaries of laws, policy background, foreign legislative information, etc. (5.300 cases per year)

#### **Lending and Copying services** of Library Materials

The Library lends and provides copies of books, periodicals and newspapers from its comprehensive collections and printouts of databases. (31,400 cases per year)

Request

### Diet **Members**

Answer

Materials, Information and Facilities

#### Infrastructure for Diet Members in Study and Research

The NDL provides Diet Members for research and study on policy issues with comprehensive library material, databases and comfortable reading and study rooms.

> Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet (p.7)

Reading Room, Study Room (p.8)

Detached Library in the Diet (p.8)

#### "NDL Website"

(provided for the general public through internet)

#### "Window on Research Services"

(on the exclusive website for Diet Members)

#### **Publications**

(3,600 pages per year)

#### **Issue Brief**

Issue Brief is a compact briefing paper (about 10 pages) on national policy issues, published irregularly.

#### Reference

Reference is the RLRB's monthly magazine which contains policy and legal analysis on state affairs. historical studies, and comparative studies on domestic and foreign systems, from medium- to long-term perspective.

#### Foreign Legislation

Foreign Legislation provides Japanese translations of foreign laws, explanation of the background of legislation, compact information on foreign legislative activities. It has monthly and quarterly versions.

#### Research Materials

Research Materials series is a monograph series published irregularly and contains reports of interdisciplinary researches and the "Scientific Technique Research Project"

#### Comprehensive Library Materials, Technical Information and Experts (The staff comprises experts in a range of fields, such as law, politics, economy, humanities and science & technology and they also excel in foreign languages.)

Books:about 9,700,000 vols

Serials (periodicals and newspapers): 210,000 titles

Electronic Resources

**Anticipatory** 

Research

- NDL-OPAC(The National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog) Internet Resources and electronic materials in Japan and foreign countries
- Databases for newspaper article, statistics, academic article

**National Diet Library** 

(Figures as of FY2010)

Collections



## Qualifications required

- Commonly, librarians must have a library degree
- Commonly researchers must have a higher degree (Masters or Ph.D)
- Some countries have language requirements as well
- Some countries look for skills rather than qualifications
- Flexibility is becoming more important

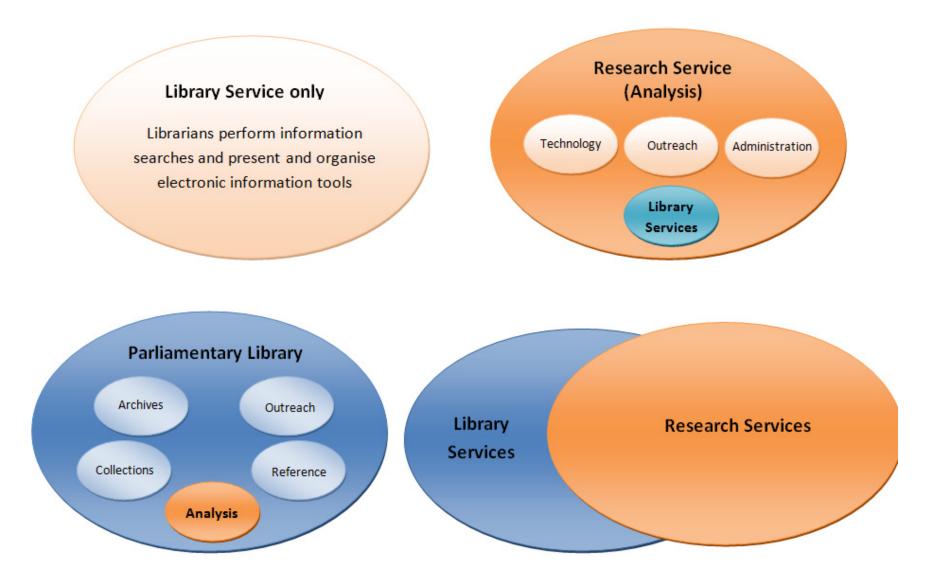


## Ratio of Librarians: Researchers

US	79	350	0.23
Uganda	7	20	0.35
Chile	30	70	0.43
Japan	50	110	0.45
UK	59	97	0.61
Canada	84	100	0.84
Norway	12	13	0.92
South Africa	85	70	1.21
Ukraine	8	4.5	1.78
Ontario	37	15	2.47
Finland	45	10	4.50



## Models of library/research services



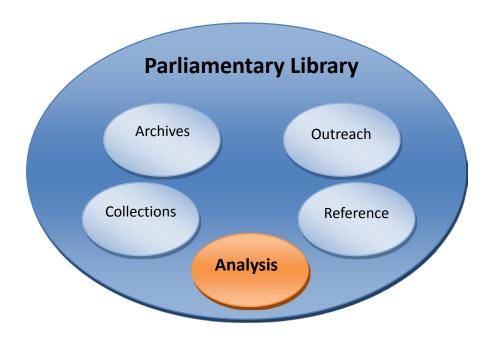


## Library service only

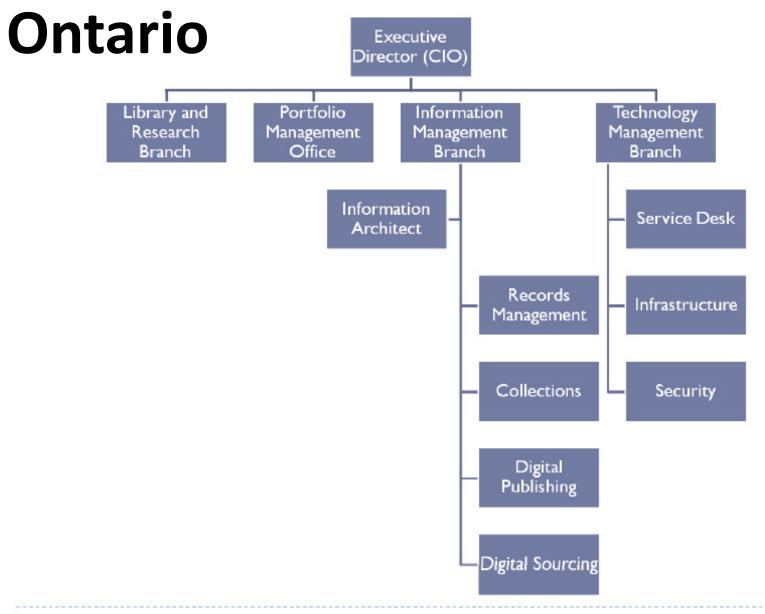
Librarians perform information searches and present and organise electronic information tools



## Library services (with some analysis)



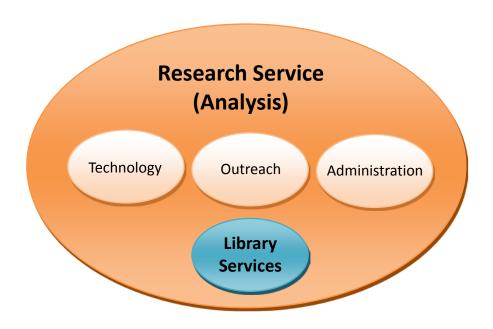




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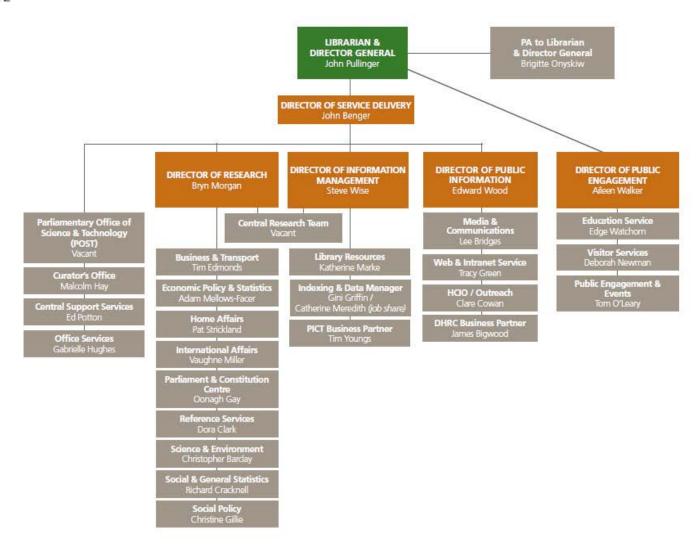
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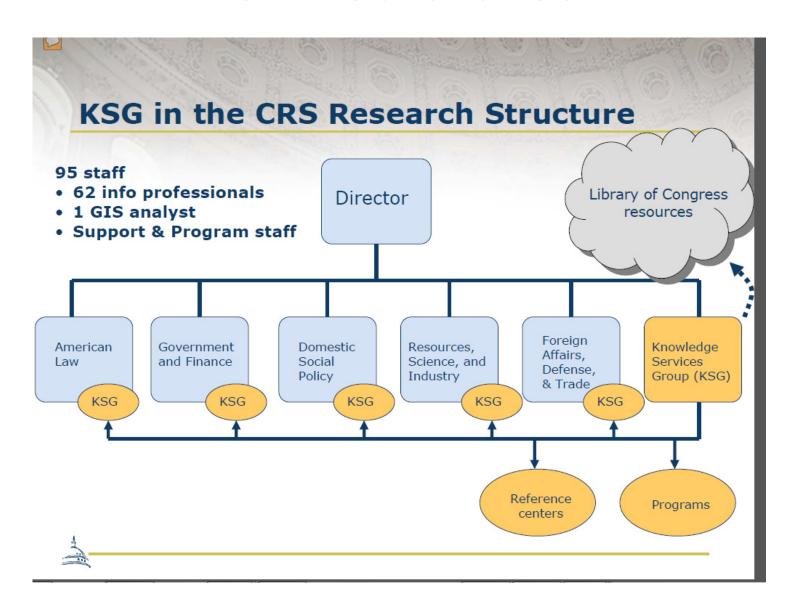


## **United Kingdom**

### Information Services July 2012

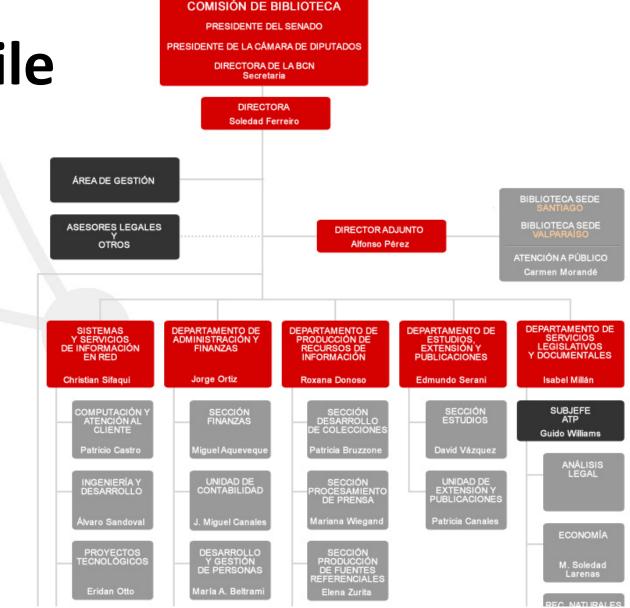


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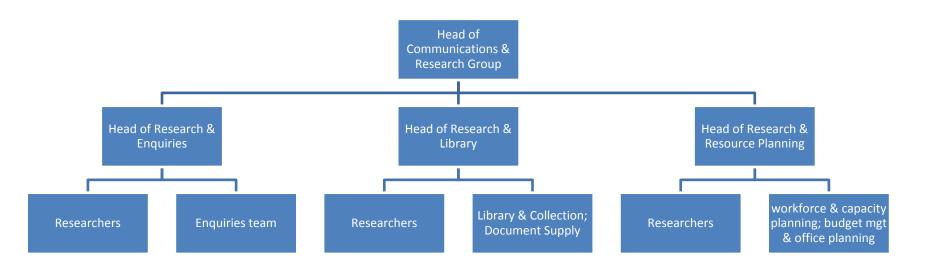
## Chile



http://transparencia.bcn.cl/estructura/organigrama

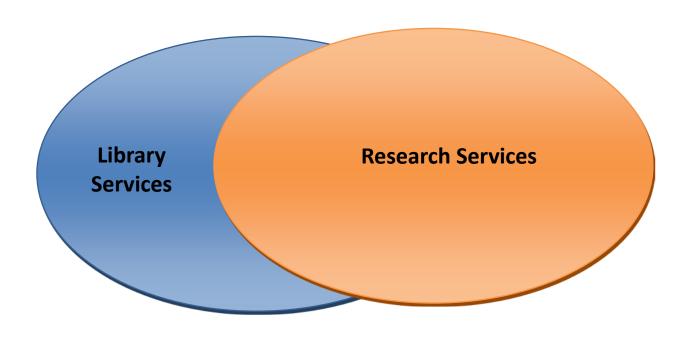


## **Scotland**





## Library and research services as partners





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