

The Assistant Head of the Research Branch, in addition to her other duties, has assisted the House of Commons Special Committee on Statutory Instruments, and attended all meetings from February to September, 1969. She prepared background papers for the Committee and made a 795 page survey of Canadian Statutes with a classification of the several categories of delegated legislative power, an enumeration of the authorities vested with these powers, and relevant comments and observations. This is the most substantial project yet attempted by this Branch, and has earned Dr. Immarigeon well-deserved praise from the Committee Chairman.

Another senior Research Officer, Mr. Brower, an economist, has given and is still giving substantial assistance to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs. Two other Research Officers, Mr. Wright and Mr. Chemla, are working with the Special Senate Committee on Mass Media; Mr. Christie has done much work since July, 1968, for the Special Senate Committee on Science Policy; Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Wright have both worked for the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, and work is currently being undertaken for the Senate Special Committee on Poverty.

It is, perhaps, not generally recognized that from the very beginning of this service, the first work was in secondment to a Committee—the House of Commons Special Committee on Procedure and Organization, in 1964.

The very favourable reaction to the limited service we have been able to give clearly demonstrates our ability to give satisfaction. There can be little doubt that a firm decision to substantially reinforce this area of our operation is in the interest of all Parliamentarians. Our service, of course, would be in addition to the executive secretarial work done by House of Commons and Senate staff, and special work done by outside experts.

2. C. *Parliamentary Associations*

Work for parliamentary delegations has continued and takes a large percentage of the time and energy of our Research Branch. Studies and briefs have been prepared for many members. Though it is no longer possible to prepare material for all items on the agendas, we continue to prepare background papers on items particularly desired. Recently, Research Officers have attended, given, and participated in briefings.

One of our Research Officers, M. Pelletier, a former Foreign Service Officer, serves as Secretary to the Canadian Delegation of l'Association Internationale des Parlementaires de langue française, and l'Association Interparlementaire Canada-France. In September, 1968, he attended the Versailles meeting of l'Association Internationale des Parlementaires de langue française, helped prepare the briefing, and drafted the report of the Canadian Delegation. He performed the same indispensable service for the Canada-France Parliamentary Association meeting in Paris, December, 1968, and in Jasper, September, 1969.

Much valuable work has also been done for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for which the Chief of the Branch now works on Area Council and Area Conference meetings. In September, 1968, he attended the Conference in British Columbia and led a workshop discussion on financial procedure. In