

APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the fiscal year 1968-69. His last report was presented to the House of Commons September 12, 1968, and to the Senate September 13, 1968, and covered the calendar year 1967.

This report uses, as will future reports, the fiscal, rather than the calendar, year as its basis in line with the newly-adopted principles of PPB—planning, programming, budgeting. However, in addition to the fiscal year 1968-69, this report also covers the calendar year 1968, and certain later items about which Parliamentarians should be informed without delay. The new format follows PPB principles in order to underline the relationship between costs and goals.

Under PPB, management is by objectives and our prime objective has been defined as “helping Parliamentarians be well-informed” by providing:

1. *information* usually already available in print;
2. *research* specially prepared papers and expert staff;
3. *planning & administration* to ensure the effective provision of information and research.

1. INFORMATION staff of 55

A. *Reference, Circulation, Clipping & Indexing Services*

Inquiries increased by over 25% from 4,041 in 1967/68 to 5,101 in 1968/69. Fortunately, the circulation of books was only slightly higher at 17,358, but loans involving other libraries increased from 502 to 658, and letters of inquiry from 354 to 563.

The major improvement is the new chronology of legislation in process prepared at the suggestion of a former Speaker of the House, the Hon. Marcel Lambert, P.C., M.P. It is hoped that at some time in the future this may be automated. Another major project, preparation of the index for the new edition of the Rules of the Senate of Canada, was begun and completed.

Indexing of committee proceedings and reports, because of its national and international implications, is covered in Section 4. B.

The annotated *Selected Additions List* issued twice a month during the Session, and once monthly during the Recess, has now been joined by a companion publication, *Selected Periodical Articles List*, which appears monthly