

## RESEARCH BRANCH, APRIL 1—MARCH 31

## Projects Completed—By Source of Request

	1972-73	1971-72	1970-71
<b>HOUSE OF COMMONS</b>			
Liberal.....	59	62	54
Progressive Conservative....	72	49	36
New Democratic.....	30	28	10
Social Credit.....	13	5	1
Others.....	12	8	8
<b>SENATE.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>COMMITTEES.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>ASSOCIATIONS, etc.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>156</b>

## Projects Completed—By Subject

	1972-73	1971-72	1970-71
Agriculture.....	5	9	3
Defence & External Affairs..	2	4	8
Economics.....	51	57	37
Education.....	2	3	5
History.....	11½	10	1
Legal.....	25	30	19
Parliamentary Procedure....	18	28	29
Political Science.....	57	33	20
Public Administration.....	2	20	6
Science & Technology.....	19	15	11
Social Sciences.....	53	26	17
Transport.....	7½		
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>156</b>

## B. Parliamentary Committees

The Director of the Branch continued to assist the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization on a regular basis, and played a major part in the drafting of its report on the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings.

One officer continued to assist the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts, attending 14 of its meetings and three meetings of a special sub-committee established to conduct a C.B.C. inquiry. He was also a member of a special group set up by the Committee to consider the drafting of a new bill respecting the Auditor General of Canada.

Another officer prepared one of the year's most thorough and time-consuming projects for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts. This

involved the preparation of an index, research and analysis of the hundreds of recommendations made by the Committee from 1947 to 1971, in order to determine which recommendations were still outstanding, their status, i.e. whether they had been fully or partially implemented or were regarded as being no longer applicable, etc.

Another officer attended all meetings of the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works since January 1973, assisting the Committee as consultant. He prepared background papers on technical matters and advised on questions to witnesses.

## C. Parliamentary Delegations and Conferences

Background papers prepared for parliamentary delegations included:

*Water Pollution from a Canadian Viewpoint*

*The Eradication of Drug Abuse and Illicit Traffic in Drugs*

*Security of Members of Parliament: A Summary of Recent Events*

*Challenges to Parliamentary Democracy*

*Background Report on Ugandan Expulsion of Asians*

The Director of the Research Branch maintained his connection with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. He attended the Conference of the Canadian Regional Council in May 1972, and in August the Canadian Regional Conference in Manitoba. He edited the report of the latter conference.

## 3. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

## A. Space

A partial solution to our space problem is anticipated when the Administration Branch and the major portion of the Research Branch move to the Confederation Building.

## B. Mechanization

The I.B.M. MT/ST process for the preparation and reproduction of catalogue cards, installed June 1971, considerably increased the number of master cards typed and the cards prepared for the catalogue. However, the present machine cannot process the cataloguers' output fast enough and another has been ordered.

**QUIC/LAW Information Retrieval System:** The QUICK/LAW Cathode Ray Tube terminal, introduced in 1971, provided access to 4 data bases and all members of the professional staff received instruction in its use. Increased use depends on enlarging the data bases already provided and increasing the data bases available.