

APPENDIX

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REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN
SECOND SESSION OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT, 1974

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate

1. INFORMATION: Staff of 80

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons

A. *Reference, Lending, Clipping, Indexing Services*

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the fiscal year April 1, 1972 to March 31, 1973. His last report, covering the fiscal year 1971-1972, was presented to the House of Commons January 4, 1973, and to the Senate January 9, 1973.

The Reference Branch received a record 12,145 inquiries including 362 letters from the general public. An increasing proportion were complex.

As Parliament sat less than 6 months during this period, total loans declined to 19,636.

A comparison over the last 5 years appears below.

REFERENCE BRANCH, APRIL 1—MARCH 31

	1972-73	1971-72	1970-71	1969-70	1968-69
REFERENCE INQUIRIES.....	12,145	11,648	10,678	7,969	6,791
(Including letters).....	(362)	(380)	(495)	(487)	(563)
Increase over preceding year.....	497 4.27%	970 9.08%	2,709 33.99%	1,178 17.35%	2,750 68.1%
LOANS (Circulation).....	19,636	21,222	21,636	19,171	17,358
LOANS (Inter-Library):.....	965	1,061	872	650	658
1. Lent.....	688	676	489	399	458
2. Borrowed.....	277	385	383	251	200

Indexing of Committee Proceedings and Reports: The Index Section prepared indexes, in both official languages, to the proceedings of all Senate and House of Commons Committees of the Fourth Session of the 28th Parliament: 19 for the House of Commons and 7 for the Senate. The election also allowed completion of some indexes for previous sessions. When the 29th Parliament commenced, the Index Section for the first time indexed as the proceedings were published.

Vertical File and Clipping Service: Queries answered by the Vertical File Section reached a record 2,690, nearly 30% more than last year's 2,088; a 100% increase since 1968-69. The preparation and indexing of books of xeroxed files continued.

Continuing and Special Projects: The Reference Branch maintained the same files and indexes reported for 1971-72. *The Selected Additions List* and the *Selected Periodical Articles List* were also continued.

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Two new subject bibliographies were prepared to replace older ones on the same subjects, *Capital Punishment/La peine de mort*, and *Library of Parliament/La Bibliothèque du Parlement*. A supplement to the *Inflation* bibliography of 1966 was also prepared. Revised editions of *This is Your Library/Voici Votre Bibliothèque* and *Periodicals and Newspapers Currently Received in the Library of Parliament and the Parliamentary Reading Room/Revues et Journaux à la Bibliothèque du Parlement et à la Salle de Lecture Parlementaire* were made available. Work continued on the *Chronology of Legislation in Process*, the *Constituency Representation History*, and the indexing of English language speeches delivered by parliamentarians outside Parliament.

B. *Reading Rooms*

In addition to the main Parliamentary Reading Room, a small Reading/Reference Room was opened in the