What does Justis Parliament cover?

Justis Parliament allows users to search across a wide range of areas, including but not limited to:

Parliamentary Questions

Parliamentary Questions are a record of all questions being asked in parliament. Justis Parliament shows you who asked what, how questions were answered and links to the full text. This helps you keep up to date with what is being discussed in Parliament as well as showing which MPs are interested in particular topics. Justis Parliament covers:

- Oral questions
- Written questions
- Urgent questions
- Private Notice Questions

Bills going through Parliament

All legislation being discussed by Parliament, including that of the Welsh and Northern Ireland Assemblies; a facility that enables users to plan for the future.

- Complete records for each public Bill can be searched
- The stage of Bills- 1st or 2nd reading, Commons or Lords- can be checked
- Includes links to the full text

Select Committees

Select Committees are collections of MPs from both Houses of Parliament who are asked to look into particular subjects. For example, some of the more important ones in the House of Commons will look at expenditure, administration and policy of the main Government Departments or associated public bodies.

- See results from any Select Committee from 1979 onwards
- Covers the House of Commons and the House of Lords
- Search by committee title, committee members, subject terms and more

Debates

Records of MPs’ discussions in Parliament, these can be vital in determining how ambiguous legislation was originally intended to be interpreted, as found in the case of Pepper v Hart, which established the precedent for citing such material.

- Look up Parliamentary Debates by Keyword
- Search for all contributions to debates by a particular MP
- Link into the full text of the debate to see comments in context.
Sign in

Go to www.justis.com and click sign in at the top right of the page. Select ‘Justis’ and enter your email and password.

Your organisation may have asked us to sign users in automatically. If so, you will see your company name in the top right, and have the option to sign in as yourself to make use of personalised features.

Academic users can sign in using OpenAthens or their institution's credentials. Please speak to your librarian or account administrator for details.

Searching

When searching in the main search box, you are searching across everything in the Parliament database, as well as any case law or legislation series that you have access to on Justis. Therefore, we recommend searching in the Advanced Search. To access this, Select the Parliament tab above the main search box.
To begin, select Parliamentary Questions from the common forms section on the right of the page. Clicking on any of these common forms will give you fields that correspond to that part of the database. Each field will search over a specific part of the document for the search terms you’ve entered.

If you wish to include debates in your search then select MP’s contributions from the common forms on the right.

When using the Session, Member and Responding Minister fields. You must select your terms from a list that appears once you begin typing. A blue box will form around terms in these fields to show they will be searched.

Tracking legislation

You can search for any documents relating to a Bill or Act by first clicking on Tracking Legislation, then typing its name into the Legislation field.

If the legislation has more than one word in the title, use quotation marks to ensure that you’re only looking for the words to appear next to each other.
Use the drop down menu \textbf{A} to order your results by relevance, oldest or newest. The default Justis Parliament ranking is by relevance, which is determined by the frequency of your search term within the document, but you may wish to change this to Parliamentary Date, which lists the most recent documents first.

To further filter your results, use the Source Filter \textbf{B} link on the left hand side and select the Parliamentary data source from which you would like to view documents.

The text box filter \textbf{C} searches the information displayed on the results page and removes all documents from the list unless they contain the word or phrase that you have typed in.

**Advanced searching**

For greater searching flexibility, use the Customise option to add extra search fields to default Parliament search forms. Clicking on the Customise button \textbf{D} will bring up a list of all the fields compatible with your current search, which you can add by ticking the boxes. Once you have selected your search fields, click Finished and Save to save the search form. You can access all your saved forms by clicking on Search Forms and selecting My Saved Forms.

**Document Overview**

Click Outline to navigate the outline of the document. \textbf{E}

Click Terms to scroll between each mention of your search term.

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Managing your research

If you have signed in with your email address, you can go to My Justis to view your search history. The icons tell you whether you conducted a search or looked at a document. The link for each item will take you to what you previously did.

Track your session

Track how much time you have spent on research per client or project, and save relevant documents and searches together in one folder. This is done by creating Client Codes.

To create a new Client Code, conduct a search then go My Justis. Use the checkboxes to select the searches you want to include, then go to Apply New Client Code in the drop down menu. Enter the name you wish to use and click create.

If we used Smith, all our selected searches would now be categorised under this name. Smith would also appear at the bottom of the drop down, under Apply Existing Client Code. We could then apply this to additional searches, by checking the boxes and selecting Smith. In My Justis, filter your search history by client code using the right-hand menu. You can track the time you have spent researching while logged into a particular Client Code by clicking Client Usage in the right-hand menu. Once you have created client codes, you can apply them to the work you are conducting at the start or at any point during a session. Set the client code using the drop down menu. This is always present at the top of the page, so you can update the client code at any time.

Setting up email alerts

If you would like to receive alerts when new documents are added to our database that correspond to a search you have conducted, select the envelope icon from the Alert column in My Justis. You can also set a limit on the number of results you are emailed about. For example, if you are tracking a piece of legislation, run a search for that piece of legislation and set up an alert for the search in My Justis. Now, whenever new documents come onto the service that discuss that piece of legislation, you will automatically and immediately be notified.

Help and Support

While using the service, if you have any questions please click Justis Help at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the Helpdesk by phone or email.