

**REORGANIZATION
OF THE
RESEARCH SECTION
IN THE
TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY**

**Parliamentary Research Services have two
main functions**



**Provide information to
the MP's**

**Provide information to the
committees**

**The priority for the Research Center is to provide
information to the MP's**

FUNCTIONS OF THE RESEARCH SERVICE

Goals

- **Maintain a strong commitment to serving the needs of the legislature and its Members, and try to be helpful at all times**
- **Provide timely research**
- **Provide materials that are balanced, brief and relevant**

FUNCTIONS OF THE RESEARCH SERVICE

Goals

- **Seek to provide proactive work**
- **Advertise the availability of assistance**
- **Seek regular feedback from the legislature on the quality and utility of services**
- **Focus on Parliamentary agenda**

PATTERNS OF ORGANIZATION

Integrated Model

Research Service is a part of Library

Separate Model

Research Service is separated from Library

Dispersed Model

No central Research Service per se. Research is provided by different organizations in the Parliament.

Articulated Model

Research Service is part of a broader organization that may contain the Parliamentary Library and the Archives departments among others.

PATTERNS OF ORGANIZATION

Integrated Model

Anglo-Saxon Countries (USA, Canada, Australia, UK), Japan and the countries having small size Research Service (Albania, Macedonia)

Separate Model

Czech Rep., Israel, Sweden, Italia, Poland and Russian Federation

Dispersed Model

France

Articulated Model

Germany, Finland, Spain and countries establishing Research Service or reorganizing it after 1990 (Bulgaria, Georgia, Croatia, Netherlands, Moldavia, Norway, Romania, Greece)

PATTERNS OF ORGANIZATION

PROBLEMS

Integrated Model

Problems in the division of labor and specialization between Library and Research Service

Separate Model and Dispersed Model

Lack of coordination among units providing information

Articulated Model

Coordination problems

PATTERN OF ORGANIZATION

RESEARCH SERVICE OF THE TGNA

Since Research Service and the Parliamentary Library are joined in the same organization, current structure of the Research Service of the TGNA resembles Integrated Model.

Research Service

- ❖ **Created as a part of the Library and Documentation Directorate of the TGNA in 1982**
- ❖ **No preliminary works in the creation process**
- ❖ **Research services of some European Countries' Parliaments have taken as model**

CURRENT SITUATION

Working Places

A big room for 10 staff + A small room for 3 staff

Number and Degrees of Staff

Bachelor's	7
Master's	5
Ph.D.	1

Subject Areas

Economics-Finance	5	Law	1
Pol. Science and Pub. Adm.	3	International Relations	1
Media Studies	2	Statistics	1

DIVISIONS OF THE RESEARCH SERVICES

Parliaments of Some Countries

USA	American Law; Domestic Social Policy; Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Trade; Government and Finance; Information Research; Resources, Science, and Industry
Australia	Economics, Commerce and Industrial Relations; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Law; Politics and Public Administration; Rural and Regional Affairs; Science, Technology, Environment and Resources; Social Policy, Statistics
UK	Business and Transport; Home Affairs; International Affairs and Defence; Social and General Statistics; Economic Policy and Statistics; Parliament and Constitution; Science and Environment; Social Policy
Sweden	Law and Politics; Economics and Statistics; International Relations and Communication; Social Policy and Education; Budget
Japan	Statutes and Parl. Doc.; Politics and Parl. Affairs; Pub. Adm. and Judicial Aff.; For. Aff. and National Defence; Finance; Trade, Ind. and Tech.; Agriculture, Forestry and Env.; Land Dev. and Comm.; Education and Culture; Social Welfare and Labor; Overseas Information
Canada	Home Affairs; Transportation; Science and Environment; Social Policy; Foreign ; Social and General Statistics; Economy Policy; Social Welfare and Labor

RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT

WHY DO WE NEED REORGANIZATION?

- ❖ **Current structure bears problems of Integrated Model**
 - **Duplication problems. Research Service and Library make the same work**
 - **Specialization in the subject areas cannot be possible**
- ❖ **Maintenance of this structure will cause to continuation of the same problems.**

RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT

- ❖ **A working group has been formed in the Research Service.**
- ❖ **A comparative study among various Parliamentary Research and Information Services has been carried out.**
- ❖ **Cooperation with the British Council**

RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT

- ❖ **An official visit to the Library of House of Commons as a part of project**
- ❖ **The Research Center Project was submitted to the Presidency of the TGNA and approved.**
- ❖ **Construction of a new Library complex consisting of Library, Research and Archive Divisions.**

RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT

The Research Center will consist of following divisions:

1. Law Section

(Constitutional Law, Parliamentary Law, Turkish Legal System, the EU Law, International Law, Comparative Law)

1. Economics and Finance Section

(Turkish Economy, Budget, Foreign Trade, Monetary Policy, Taxation, Banking, Finance)

1. Public Administration and Political Science Section

(Politics, Parliament, Political Parties, Election Systems, Local Governments)

RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT

1. International Relations and Defence Section

(International Organizations, National and International Security, Current International Problems)

1. Social Policy

(Social Security, Education, Health, Labor, Women, Children and Family, Migration, Population)

1. Science and Natural Resources

(Agriculture, Energy, Mining, Tourism, Environment, Forestry, Science and Technology, Media Studies, Culture, Art)

AIMED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE RESEARCH CENTER

PRODUCTS

Information Note

They provide summaries of useful, frequently asked for information, or updates on evolving subjects.

Background Note

They provide summaries of progress on policy initiatives, legislation or other important developments.

Research Report

Analytical reports on major issues of interest to the legislature.

AIMED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE RESEARCH CENTER

PRODUCTS

Indicators

Social and economical up-to-date statistics.

Document Package

Compilation of documents on a particular subject from various information resources for the urgent needs of Members.

Oral Information

Providing information on phone or face-to-face.

AIMED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE RESEARCH CENTER

SERVICES

- ❖ Organize seminars and conferences on the subjects related national agenda.
- ❖ Coordinating among non-governmental organizations, universities and various research institutions to secure information support for Parliamentary agenda.
- ❖ Providing support for content management of the Internet and Intranet of the TGNA Web by way of products of the Research Center.

AIMED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE RESEARCH CENTER

SERVICES

- ❖ **Responding information requests from various Parliaments and ECPRD, contributing to comparative studies among them.**
- ❖ **Providing cooperation and coordination with International organizations in order to strengthen Parliamentary research and information services.**

RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT

CRITERIA FOR RESEARCHERS

- ❖ **Five or Six researchers in each section**
- ❖ **University Degree. Candidates having master degree or Ph.D. are preferred to work in the Research Center.**
- ❖ **Language Ability and computer literacy.**

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

- **Working Place**
- **Technical Equipment**
- **Reference Library**

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ **Focused on personal and team works**
- ❖ **Five or six personal rooms for researchers in each section**
- ❖ **Meeting place in each section**
- ❖ **Multi-purpose, U-designed meeting room for 50 persons**

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

- ❖ **PC for each researcher**
- ❖ **Printer, scanner, fax and photocopy machines for each section.**

REFERENCE LIBRARY

- ❖ **A reference library for each section**
- ❖ **The walls of the meeting place will be used for shelves**

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