

## Ethics Checklist 7 - Members

Use this checklist to rate features of an ethical approach in parliamentary research & library services. Put a cross in the last column if this feature exists (is already 'in place') in your service. Feel free to write in features that you think should be listed, and rate them. Please add any comments in the box at the end.

'Members' checklist		Very important	Useful	Not useful	Impractical / high risk	<i>In place</i>
7.1	Members are bound by standards for dealing with the research/library/information service in an ethical way. There is a procedure for dealing with violations by Members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.2	There are protections against the request of 'scientific' research that is skewed to support particular views.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3	Members have no power to suppress or amend legitimate but unwelcome research before or after publication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.4	Research known to be unwelcome to powerful Members/parties, or in potential contradiction with existing parliamentary positions, can be produced and published by the service, if there is good reason within its mission to do so.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.5	The service has means to respond if its research is misrepresented by a Member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.6	Members have no right to refuse service from individual staff of e.g. a particular religion, gender or ethnic origin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.7	There are safeguards to protect research/library staff from sexual or other harassment by a Member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 'Members' issues

- ) There is an unspoken reality of everyday power and influence of Members (individually as well as collectively) in a parliamentary administration. This is one feature which makes parliamentary administrations different to mainstream public administration.
- ) The influence of Members, consciously or unconsciously, exerts pressure on the operation of formal processes and policies as well as on people.
- ) Ideally, Members should not have the means of instructing, pressuring or influencing the research service in order that it produces partisan or unscientific, research. (E.g. influence on budget decisions; operational decisions; service or individual reputation +/-; career).

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