

Government publications

List of government publications available on the ground floor of the National Library

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Parliamentary publications available on the ground floor of the National Library include:

- *Acts*
1841 to current.
- Annual reports for government agencies
See *Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives*
- *Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives (AJHR)*
1858, 1860 to current. These include annual reports of government agencies, budgets, select committee reports, royal commission reports and New Zealand treaties.
Since 1999 the AJHRs consists only of the select committee reports.
All other items will be published as the Parliamentary Papers.
- *Bills*
Bills before Parliament are held in the ground floor reading room.
Bills that have been passed into law or thrown out are held in the serials collection and need to be requested.
- *Budget*
See Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives.
- *Hansard*
See Parliamentary Debates.
- *Journals – House of Representatives*
1990 to current. The Journals record the proceedings of the House minus the speeches and debates. The Schedules to the Bills are in the final volume for each year or Parliamentary term. The final volume also includes the Members of Parliament, Parties, Chairpersons of select committees, statistics for business of Parliament, schedules of petitions presented, schedule of select committees and schedule of papers presented to parliament.
An incomplete set of earlier volumes is held in the serials collection and need to be requested. The complete set is held in the Alexander Turnbull Library Research Room.
- *New Zealand Gazette*
1859 to latest. The Gazette includes all official notices and proclamations.
An electronic version is also available.
- *Order Paper*
1999 to latest. Produced every sitting day, these contain the Government, Private and Local, and Members' orders of the day.
The latest order paper can also be found on the parliamentary website.
Earlier issues are part of the serials collection and need to be requested.

- *Parliamentary Bulletin*
1986 to current. Published weekly, this provides information on the proceedings of the previous week. It includes a schedule of bills before Parliament and the stage each is at. It also includes members of select committees, bills before select committees and when select committee meetings are scheduled.
Earlier issues are part of the serials collection and need to be requested.
- *Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)*
1854 to present. Hansard records the text of all speeches and debates in Parliament as well as written and oral questions. A Sessional Index is at the back of the last volume for each session. Debates are listed under the name of the MP, broad subject headings or Bills. If looking for debates about specific legislation look in the index under 'Bills'.
- *Parliamentary Papers*
See *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives*
- *Select Committee Reports*
These are published in the *AJHRs* with an 'I' shoulder number and can also be found in the front of the second version of the Bill (e.g.206-2). Before 1996, the majority of reports on legislation are found under the general report for the select committee concerned and give no information other than that the committee recommends that the bill go ahead with the recommended changes. Some of the more controversial or complex bills are reported in more detail and may have their own shoulder number.
- *Statutes*
See *Acts*.
- *Statutory Regulations*
1936 to current.
- *Supplementary Order Papers*
2002 to latest. Contain amendments made to Bills before Parliament.
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