

HOW DO I APPLY TO PARTICIPATE?

Around 16 parliaments each year are invited to send one participant per parliament to the program.

Parliaments interested in participating in the program can lodge an expression of interest with the Inter-Parliamentary Study Program Coordinator, Parliamentary Relations Office, PO Box 6021, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600 Australia or email pro@aph.gov.au or fax +61 2 6277 2000.

Parliaments selected for each year's program will receive a formal letter of invitation addressed to the Secretary-General or Clerk of the Parliament.



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TESTIMONIALS

"It was such a wonderful learning experience that I shall remember it fondly for many years."

Ms Marie-Danielle Vachon

Deputy Principal Clerk—Canada

"I was so satisfied with the program."

Mr Song Soohwan

Deputy Director, Procedure Bureau—Republic of Korea

"Indeed we have learned a lot from our brief stay with you."

Mr Cephas Amevor

Principal Deputy Clerk—Ghana

"This was an extraordinary program, great lectures, great program and great participants—one became good friends."

Mr Jarle Skjørestad

Head of Parliamentary Research—Norway

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PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY STUDY PROGRAM



Photo of Parliament House, Australia courtesy of Auspic

*A study program to share knowledge,
ideas and experiences about parliament.*

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Australian Parliament's Inter-Parliamentary Study Program brings together parliamentary staff from around the world to:

- ▶ Learn about the procedures and practices of the Australian Parliament
- ▶ Share knowledge, ideas and experiences of parliamentary processes and administration
- ▶ Reflect on their own parliamentary practices and how they can be developed
- ▶ Establish networks for ongoing information sharing among parliamentary staff

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The program runs over two weeks, generally in late February-early March each year.

Week One

The first week involves a series of presentations by senior Australian parliamentary officers outlining the history, structure, procedures and operations of the Australian Parliament, including the House of Representatives, the Senate and the three parliamentary departments which administer the parliament.

Week Two

In the second week Parliament is in session and participants have the opportunity to observe processes in practice. Visits to key sections of the Parliament enable in-depth exploration of procedures and administration. Participants make contact with specialists that allows for detailed discussions on issues of special interest.

WHO PARTICIPATES?

Each program can accommodate up to 16 participants.

The program is designed for senior parliamentary officials who have had sufficient experience working for the parliaments in their countries to make the program worthwhile. The information exchanged is often quite technical and suits those with a passion for standing orders!

WHERE IS IT HELD?

The program is conducted at Parliament House in Australia's national capital Canberra. In recent years, participants have also spent a day at the State Parliament of New South Wales in Sydney.

LANGUAGE

The program is run in English and participants must have good English language skills to gain the full benefits of the program.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Accommodation, local transport and a daily allowance are provided by the Australian Parliament. Participants need only to arrange for their airfare from their country of origin to Canberra and return. Any additional days outside of the official dates would also be at the participants' expense.



Above: Participants at the 2007 IPSP representing 15 countries

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