Getting your research into Parliament

Why is it important?

**Provides evidence to inform policy making**
- Used to scrutinise laws and policies
- Demonstrates research impact
- Citizens care about evidence

The routes in:

- Select Committees
- Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)
- All-Party Parliamentary Groups
- Libraries
- Correspondence with Members
- Think Tanks
- NGOs
- Events

TOP 10 TIPS: Making Connections

1. **Be seen online or at events so the relevant people can find you**
2. **Blog your research so they know what you are working on**
3. **Follow what Parliament members are doing via the website or Twitter**
4. **Sign up to POST, Commons and Lords Library and Select Committee Alerts**
5. **Invite parliamentary staff to your events**
6. **Don't just send your journal articles, send a brief and include your sources**
7. **Be relevant: start with a summary and focus on how your research impacts people**
8. **Use visuals - a picture can paint a thousand words**
9. **Be clear and accurate: be explicit about all limitations and caveats**
10. **Don't forget the essentials: include your credentials and date your briefing**

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