




What I learned in London:

Parallels and contrasts in government information across the pond

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What was I doing there?

- Teaching with St. Mary's study abroad program—23 students, 2 faculty (fall, 2008)
- Sightseeing until I dropped
- Some traveling, lots of walking
- Learning a lot about our British cousins, their history and government

My courses




Sports in the UK:
Society, Economics
and the Media



World War II
in Britain:
Connections with the Past

Some sights I saw: museums



Courtyard

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

British Museum

Science Museum

Imperial War Museum, Duxford

National Gallery

Victoria & Albert Museum

MUSEUM OF LONDON

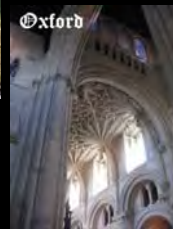
London Transport Museum

St William

Some sights I saw: history



Some sights I saw: travel



Some sights I saw: around London



How I learned...

- Informal meetings with librarians
- Tour of Houses of Parliament by MP staffer
- BBC, BBC Parliament channels (TV)
- Historical museums
- Conversation and observation
- Participation in public observances & festivals
- Following up back home



"Government Information in the Google Age"

- GLIG: Government Libraries Information Group, CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) special interest group
- Attendees primarily librarians from government agencies in the UK
- Speakers: British Library, Library of Wales, National Archives, Parliamentary Archives, etc.—and me!
- Presentations available on their website:
www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgroups/bysubject/government/events/previousevents/googleage.htm

My presentation

Top Down – Bottom Up:

Maintaining Access to Government
Information in the U.S.



UK Geography 101



- British Isles
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
 - England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland
- "Britain" ≈ UK ?
- England



Graphic modified from Visit Britain website:
www.visitbritain.co.uk/

UK Government 101



- Parliamentary system
- Place of the monarchy
- Long, complicated history
- Size, compactness of country

- European Union/ € zone



UK Government 101



- British Parliament in Westminster
- Devolution: 10 years on
 - Scotland
 - Wales
 - Northern Ireland
 - England?



UK Government 101

- Similarities to U.S.
 - House of Commons ≈ US Congress in size
 - Elections usually every four years
 - Both houses' approval needed for law passage
 - Debates, committee hearings, oversights



UK Government 101



- Contrasts with U.S.
 - Parliamentary system
 - More than just two parties
 - House of Commons ≈ US Congress in size
 - Lords: revision/scrutinizing, committee work
 - Lords ≈ Supreme Court
 - Elections can be held at any time
 - Format of oversight up close and personal (weekly PM Questions)
 - Europe: legislation scrutinized, UK law reconciled
 - Europe: oversight of negotiations with EU



UK Government Information 101

- Hansard: official verbatim reports
 - ≈ Congressional Record
- Other types of publications
 - Command Papers
 - Committee Papers
 - Explanatory Notes
 - Debates/Journals
 - Acts/legislation
 - Lords: Judicial records, peerage claims
 - Miscellaneous: guidance/consultation reports, survey reports, commission reports, research reports, inspection reports, statistical compendia, planning documents, expert reviews, evaluation reports



Problems we share



- Disappearance of electronic information
- Finding needed information: “not knowing what we don’t know”
- Variety of formats means technical problems
 - Collaborative work
 - “Unofficial” websites: blogs, Flickr, YouTube
- Ephemeral vs. permanent information needs
- Gaps in online coverage
- Authentication issues
- Persistence of old models when new thinking is needed



Contrasting problems



- More frequent government reorganizations
- Crown/Parliamentary copyright
 - Permissions make harvesting more difficult
 - Even when process is available (license forms) complying is time-consuming
 - Preservation efforts choose: illegal harvesting or not preserving

What they're doing



- Portal: direct.gov.uk
- New deposit laws
- Digitization projects
 - Hansard
 - Web Archiving Consortium
 - Web Continuity
 - European Archive
- Wales & Parliamentary Archives:
 - best case scenarios



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Jobswatching, money, training and skills

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Car tax, Learners, MOT, Driving licence...
- Education and learning**
Student loans, University, EMA, adult learning...
- Money, fees and benefits**
benefits: Tax, Tax credits, benefits adviser...
- Home and community**
Housing, Council Tax, Flooding, Planning...
- Travel and transport**
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- Environment and green energy**
ACT ON CO2, Energy saving, Recycling...
- Government, citizens and rights**

Jobs
Housing & baby, Schools, CH2010...

Employment
Sick, Redundancy, holidays, Pay...

Young people
Money, Sport and careers, Leisure...

Disabled people
Rights, Blue badge parking, DLK...

Other life
Retirement and pensions, Working, Benefits...

Crime, justice and the law
Policing, Magistrates, Anti-social behaviour...

Health and well-being
Medical records, Health services, Flu...

Medical history channel

Let Directgov point the way

- Mortgage worries?**
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- Want to improve your skills?**
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- Want to do some volunteer work?**
Find an opportunity that suits you...

Local information

- Live travel news
- Fix my street: report local problems
- Search for your local council in England
- Meet GUS:00

In the news

- Death of Joan Catherine
- Plans for vulnerable witnesses
- Consultation on opportunities for witnesses

New deposit laws



- Current regulations
 - Apply to printed works only
 - Copies to British Library + 5 others
- Legal Deposit Libraries Act, 2003
 - Require deposit of electronic docs
 - No remote access allowed (!)
 - Public comment required
- ■ Regulations implemented 2011
- Voluntary deposit currently administered by BL
 - www.bl.uk/aboutus/stratpolprog/digi/webarch/
 - Inefficient due to lack of clear process

Digitization projects



- Hansard
- Web Archiving Consortium
- Web Continuity
- European Archive



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The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu at the top, including 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'MEMBERS & STAFF', 'BUSINESS', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'A-Z INDEX', 'GLOSSARY', and 'CONTACT'. The main content area is titled 'Publications & Records: In this section' and includes several sub-sections:

- Hansard (debates and speeches)**: Contains links for 'Commons Hansard by date', 'Hansard by date', 'Lords Hansard by Member', 'Commons alphabetical index', and 'Lords alphabetical index'.
- The Parliamentary Archives**: Includes 'What's in the Parliamentary Archives' and 'Freedom of Information'.
- Lords Publications**: Lists 'Standing Orders Public', 'Standing Orders Private', and 'House of Lords Annual Report'.
- Research**: Includes 'Commons Research Papers', 'Commons Standard Notes', 'Lords Hansard Notes', 'Hansard notes', 'Parliament and Constitution Research', and 'Committees'.
- Commons Publications**: Lists 'Weekly Information Bulletin', 'Seasonal Papers', 'Standing Orders Public', 'Standing Orders Private', 'House of Commons Commission', and 'Hansard'.

On the right side, there are sections for 'Publications explained', 'What's on?', 'Early Day Motions (EDMs)', and 'What's on?'. Red arrows in the image point to the 'Hansard' link in the main menu, the 'Publications & Records' section header, and the 'Hansard (debates and speeches)' sub-section.

History of Hansard



- Official report of Parliamentary debates
- Pre-1771: Parliament suppressed reports of debates
- At first: an unofficial private enterprise
- Early reports written in 3rd person
- Eventually became verbatim account
- "Nationalized" in 1909

Hansard (1988—)



- www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pahansard.htm
- various indexes don't cover entire database

Hansard (the Official Report) is the edited verbatim report of proceedings in both Houses. Daily Debates are published on this website the next working day at 8 am. Find out [how about Hansard](#).

Hansard Digitisation

A [prototype digitised historical Hansard](#) is available and has Hansards back to 1803. Around 50 volumes need re-scanning so are not yet loaded into the search interface. These will be added as soon as they become available. This is still a prototype and [feedback about historical Hansard](#) is welcome.

House of Commons Hansard ("Debates")	House of Lords Hansard ("Debates")
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Hansard (1803-2005)



- hansard.millbanksystems.com/
- comes up in Google searches
- expanding coverage of publication types, formats

HANSARD 1803-2005 [Search Help](#)

Two centuries ago **CAMPAIGN IN SPAIN**. A century ago **PETITION**. A decade ago **Health Bill [H.L.]**

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We also have extracted lists of People who are recorded as having spoken, Constituencies, Offices, Acts, Bills and Divisions. You can also see information about the [Source files](#) containing the original XML and the [Data files](#) we generate from them.

Information used to make this site has been provided by the Hansard Digitisation Project, led by the Directorate of Information Services of the House of Commons and the Library of the House of Lords. The site is still undergoing development and experimentation, and further features may be added in due course. Work to improve the quality of the data is also ongoing.

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Hansard in Google:

- "easter—ireland—1916—hansard"

HANSARD 1803-2005 → 1840S → 1916 → July 1916 → 11

July 1916 → Lords Sitting

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND.

HL Deb 11 July 1916 vol 22 cc509-52

THE EARL OF ANCASTER rose to call attention to the Commission on the Rebellion in Ireland, if necessary to offer any apology to the Paper. It is true that we had only received by Viscount Millican, and it will be in the Government on that occasion put on the table, accepted the Motion, and practice better position than we wish them, but his Motion all that we could say was we imagined the state of affairs to be in the Lord Hardinge's Commission we can which led up to the unfortunate rebellion the question.

There is one thing which I should like to argue occasionally put forward by a past action, or I should rather say made the heart of Ireland, and that it was to resist Home Rule that these troubles of argument to use. Whether the Ulstermen granting of Home Rule to Ireland, that for not having taken action if they could possibly prevent it, they will be the first.

occasions. I hope the Government will take to heart the lesson that men and nations do not go to the trouble of making military preparations and pouring out vast sums of money unless they have some object in view. The only opinion I can come to is that the Government absolutely failed to appreciate the situation in Ireland as they failed to appreciate the situation in Europe before the outbreak of the war.

To turn more closely to the actual findings of the Report, the first conclusion is that the Government took a very false step when they omitted the Peace Preservation Act—commonly known as the Arms Act 1906. Lord Clonbrock raised a very strong objection against allowing this measure to lapse. "The responsibility is theirs [the Government] naturally not be surprised, if it should accepting the responsibility, if those words of the fact later on." The noble words—"It is perfectly true that it is a Government to undertake a responsible the responsibility must rest." Although the position that the responsibility for Government, unfortunately we are told involved in the absolute failure of the statesman who adopted a wrong course penalty by losing the confidence of the are now told that it is impossible that Consequently, as I say, although the course the unwise step then taken, there appears to be no alternative.

Arms Act

[Another Act called "Arms Act"]

Section	Parliamentary House	Date
STATE OF IRELAND.	1 Commons	1812-02-03
WHITE-BOY ACTS.	1 Commons	1831-09-22
SUPPRESSION OF DISTURBANCES (IRELAND)—ADJOURNED DEBATE.	1 Commons	1833-03-05
CRIMES IN IRELAND.	2 Commons	1839-03-07
STATE OF IRELAND.	7 Lords	1840-05-19
DISTURBANCES IN LIMERICK—FALLSHERY AFFAIR.	1 Lords	1840-08-03
STATE OF TIRERRARY.	1 Commons	1842-05-30
ARMS (IRELAND) BILL.	3 Commons	1843-05-29
ARMS (IRELAND) BILL—ADJOURNED DEBATE—THIRD DAY.	1 Commons	1843-05-31
ARMS (IRELAND) BILL.	2 Commons	1843-06-15
ARMS (IRELAND) BILL.	1 Lords	1843-08-17
ADDRESS OF GRIEVANCES—SUPPLY—THE INCOME TAX.	1 Commons	1844-02-26
MAYNOOTH COLLEGE—ADJOURNED DEBATE (FIFTH NIGHT).	1 Commons	1845-04-17
PROTECTIVE LITE (IRE AND BILL).	7 Commons	1846-03-31

Hansard: browsing by date

HANSARD 1803-2005

Sittings in the 1840s

19th century

1830s 1840 1841 1842 1843 1844 1845 1846 1847 1848 1849 1850s

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Sittings in 1844

1843 1844 1845

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HANSARD 1803-2005 → 1840S → 1844

Sittings in June 1844

1844

May Jun Jul

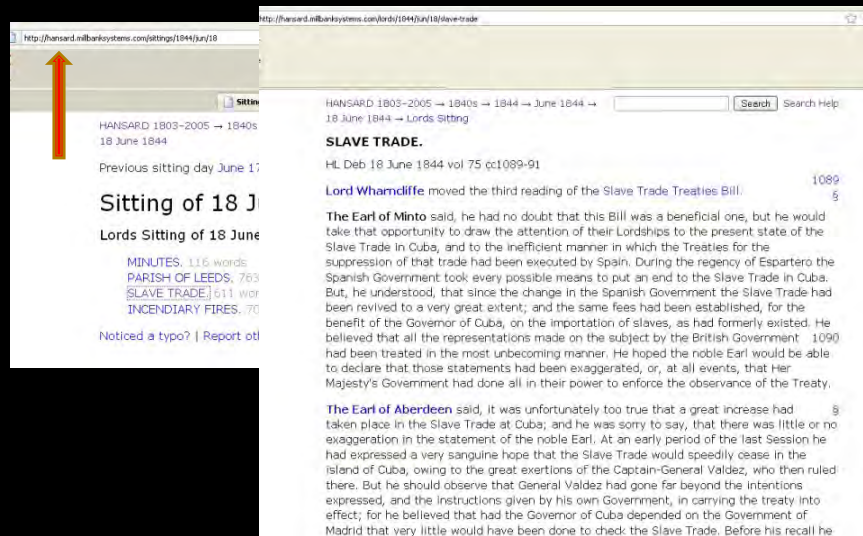
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Jun 1844

Search in this period

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Hansard: browsing by date



The screenshot shows two browser windows. The left window displays the Hansard website's navigation menu for the 'Sitting of 18 June'. An orange arrow points to the URL <http://hansard.mlbanksystems.com/sittings/1844/jun/18> in the address bar. The right window shows the full text of the 'SLAVE TRADE' debate, including the speech by Lord Whamcliffe and the Earl of Minto.

Sitting of 18 June
Lords Sitting of 18 June
MINUTES. 116 words
PARISH OF LEEDS. 763
SLAVE TRADE. 611 words
INCENDIARY FIRES. 70
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SLAVE TRADE.
HL Deb 18 June 1844 vol 75 cc1099-91

Lord Whamcliffe moved the third reading of the Slave Trade Treaties Bill. 1089

The Earl of Minto said, he had no doubt that this Bill was a beneficial one, but he would take that opportunity to draw the attention of their Lordships to the present state of the Slave Trade in Cuba, and to the inefficient manner in which the Treaties for the suppression of that trade had been executed by Spain. During the regency of Espartero the Spanish Government took every possible means to put an end to the Slave Trade in Cuba. But, he understood, that since the change in the Spanish Government the Slave Trade had been revived to a very great extent; and the same fees had been established, for the benefit of the Governor of Cuba, on the importation of slaves, as had formerly existed. He believed that all the representations made on the subject by the British Government 1090 had been treated in the most unbecoming manner. He hoped the noble Earl would be able to declare that those statements had been exaggerated, or, at all events, that Her Majesty's Government had done all in their power to enforce the observance of the Treaty.

The Earl of Aberdeen said, it was unfortunately too true that a great increase had taken place in the Slave Trade at Cuba; and he was sorry to say, that there was little or no exaggeration in the statement of the noble Earl. At an early period of the last Session he had expressed a very sanguine hope that the Slave Trade would speedily cease in the island of Cuba, owing to the great exertions of the Captain-General Valdez, who then ruled there. But he should observe that General Valdez had gone far beyond the intentions expressed, and the instructions given by his own Government, in carrying the treaty into effect; for he believed that had the Governor of Cuba depended on the Government of Madrid that very little would have been done to check the Slave Trade. Before his recall he

Web Archiving Consortium

- Members
 - British Library: www.bl.uk/
 - National Libraries of Scotland: www.nls.uk/ and Wales: www.llgc.org.uk/
 - National Archives: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/
 - Wellcome Trust (medical research): www.wellcome.ac.uk/
 - Joint Information Systems Committee (government/research/education partnership): www.jisc.ac.uk/
- Evolving into Digital Preservation Consortium
www.dpconline.org/
- Selective archiving, public access at www.webarchive.org.uk/
- British Library archiving some on their own

The screenshot shows the UK Web Archiving Consortium website. At the top, the logo and name 'UK WEB ARCHIVING CONSORTIUM' are displayed with the URL 'www.webarchive.org.uk'. Below the logo is a search bar and a 'Subjects Menu' dropdown. The main content area features a message: 'Thank you for visiting the UKWAC website. We are in the process of constructing a new site - which will go live later this year, at the same url.' Below this, there are sections for 'Please be aware', 'If you would like to', and 'Collections'. A search for 'Aspirin Foundation' is shown, resulting in a list of archived dates: 'Site archived 16 Nov 2007', 'Site archived 16 Nov 2006', 'Site archived 15 May 2005', 'Site archived 16 Nov 2005', and 'Site archived 15 May 2005'. A red arrow points to the '15 May 2005' entry. The footer contains a 'Copyright Warning' and the 'wellcome trust' logo.

Web Continuity



- Led by UK National Archives: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/webcontinuity/
- Outgrowth of archive launched in 2003: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/webarchive/
- Basic assumptions—"sustainable information":
 - Protect current information
 - Permanently archive
 - Maintain integrity of websites
- Comprehensive archiving; harvests 3 times/year, more crawls if requested
- Redirection tools for agency websites
- Accessible to search engines

The National Archives

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You are here: Home > Services for professionals > Evidence research management > Web continuity project

Web Continuity project

The Web Continuity project, led by The National Archives, is developing a comprehensive programme of website archiving and web link management to ensure continued access to government information.

This work builds on our collection of selected websites in the [UK Government Web Archive](#) which was launched in 2003.

Why web continuity matters

Government information is increasingly being made available via a website, and over half of all interactions between the government and the public now happen online. Websites are often the first port of call when looking for government information. They are used by citizens and civil servants, by business and professional communities, and the general public.

Websites links are commonly used in a wide range of documents, from academic research to public awareness campaigns. Web links are often included in answers to Parliamentary Questions, and form part of many government communications.

Interpreting UK Government Web Archive

Results that access to the full text

Search

Search results for Jan 30 2001 - Jun 09 2006 [23 results]

2001 (10 items)	2002 (10 items)	2003 (10 items)	2004 (10 items)	2005 (10 items)	2006 (10 items)
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European archive

The BSE Inquiry Report: Home Mozilla Firefox

http://web.archive.org/web/20010517211009/http://www.bseinquiry.gov.uk

The BSE Inquiry: Home

The Inquiry into BSE and variant CJD in the United Kingdom

Quick navigation menu

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Related links

The Members of the Committee of the Inquiry were:

- Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers
- Mrs June Brogden CB
- Professor Malcolm Ferguson-Smith FRS

This report has been published as a:

Return to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons dated October 2000 for the Report, evidence and support papers of the Inquiry into the emergence and identification of BSE as variant CJD in the United Kingdom, and of the action taken in response to it up to 20 March 1996; to reach conclusion adequacy of that response, taking into account the state of knowledge at the time, and to report on these matters to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Executive Summary of the Report of the Inquiry

Volume 1: Findings and Conclusions

Executive Summary of the Report of the Inquiry

Key conclusions

- BSE has caused a horrendous fatal disease for humans. As we sign this Report the number of people dead and thought to be dying stands at over 20, most of them young. They and their families have suffered terribly. Families all over the UK have been left wondering whether the same fate awaits them.
- A vital industry has been dealt a body blow, inflicting misery on tens of thousands for whom livestock farming is their way of life. They have seen over 170,000 of their animals dying or having to be destroyed, and the precautionary slaughter and destruction within the United Kingdom of very many more.
- BSE developed into an epidemic as a consequence of an intensive farming practice - the recycling of animal protein in compound feed. This practice, unchallenged over decades, proved a recipe for disaster.
- In the years up to March 1996 most of those responsible for responding to the challenge posed by BSE overrode with credit. However, there were a number of shortcomings in the way things were done.
- At the heart of the BSE story lie questions of how to handle hazard - a known hazard to cattle and an unknown hazard to humans. The Government took measures to address both hazards. They were sensible measures, but they were not always timely nor adequately implemented and enforced.

European Archive



- www.europarchive.org/
- “Digital library of cultural artifacts,” including government information
- Works with UK Web Continuity
- Harvests closing sites when notified



The image displays two screenshots of the European Archive website. The top screenshot shows the main homepage with a search bar, a 'Browse' section, and several featured collections. The 'Media Collections' section includes 'Movies', 'Recordings', and 'Web'. The 'Recordings' section features a red arrow pointing to a specific item. The bottom screenshot shows a detailed view of a collection titled 'European Constitution Crawl', specifically focusing on the 'Czech Republic' collection. It lists various documents and provides information about the collection's origin and content.

Other European issues & resources

- Multiplicity of languages
 - Especially after latest enlargement
- Legal material going paperless, but there are online gaps
- Eur-Lex Access to EU Law
 - eur-lex.europa.eu/en/
- World Legal Information Institute
 - www.worldlii.org/



Eur-lex Access to EU Law

The screenshot shows the Eur-Lex website interface. On the left, there is a navigation menu with options: OFFICIAL JOURNAL, SIMPLE SEARCH, ADVANCED SEARCH, COLLECTIONS, and PRACTITIONER'S CORNER. The main content area features a 'Welcome' message and a 'News' section with a highlighted article titled 'Publication by Michael Diers' regarding a portal for a research agenda. A red arrow points to this article. Below the article, there are links for 'EU-Lex - Evaluation questionnaire' and 'Links list of new documents'. On the right side, there is a 'Latest issues' section and a 'My profile' section with a login form. The footer includes the 'EU2009.CZ' logo and the 'EUROPEAN COMMISSION' logo.

World Legal Information Institute

World Legal Information Institute
Free, independent and non-profit access to worldwide law

WorldLII
872 Authors from 123 countries and territories via the Free Access to Law Movement

News & Database Additions

- **First Annual B Conference 2009 - Working capacity for free access to law in Africa**, Sydney, 23-25 February 2009 : Draft Program and Equipment List (PDF) now available.
- **Employment Opportunities at WorldLII in 2009** - Experience of internet usage
- **WorldLII is the recipient of the International Association of Law Librarians (IALL) 2008 Website Award**
- **Free access to the English Reports 1220-1802** (Commentary), launched by Justice Michael Kirby, 1 December 2008. Thanks to IALL for this purchase.
- **LawCite** free access announcement (AnnCite), launched by Justice Michael Kirby, 1 December 2008.
- **Australian Research Council (ARC) grant (AHL5000)** for development of the **International and Humanities Law Library**
- **Part additions**

Latest Catalog Additions

- **British Court Expediency: Table of Maps**
Category added: >> Categories >> Countries
- **British Court Expediency: Chart of Islands**
Category added: >> Categories >> Countries
- **Comment: Islands**
Category added: >> Categories >> Countries

WorldLII Stakeholders

- **English Librarians**
- **Georgetown**

Law via Internet Conference

- **Conference 1997**
- **Conference 2004/2005**

Research Projects

- **International and Humanities Law Library**

Special Features & Tools

- **WorldLII Toolbar**
- **WorldLII News Subscribes**
- **Conferences and Free Access to Law**
- **Training Materials**

Wales: best case scenario

- Manageable volume
- Cooperative central government
- Started off on the right foot
- Electronic is final archival copy; paper docs destroyed
- Push system to NLW will be established

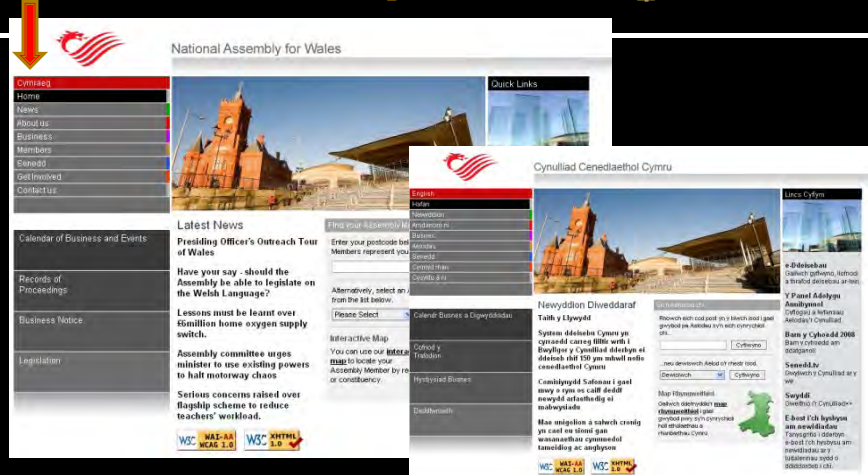


wales.gov.uk/



Wales Assembly Government is executive

www.assemblywales.org/



National Assembly for Wales is legislative

senedd.tv/



Parliamentary Archives: best case scenario



- www.parliament.uk/publications/archives.cfm
- Separate from National Archives system
- Material from 1497 (!)
- Multiple formats, including shared drives, emails, etc.
- Current policy: print-to-paper for preservation
- Experienced in preservation

- Influences publication life-cycle
- Fully supported by “corporate objectives”:
 - Promotion of Parliament workings to the public
 - Efficient information management
 - Maintenance of integrity of documents
 - Parliament should be a model for best practices



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Digitised Historical Parliamentary Material

Published Parliamentary material has been digitised and made available on the Internet by various organisations.

The tables below summarise the main series of material which are available in electronic form. Please note that Parliament is not responsible for the content of external websites.

- [Public Acts of Parliament](#)
- [Local and Private Acts of Parliament](#)
- [UK Statutory Instruments](#)
- [Parliamentary Debates - House of Commons](#)
- [Parliamentary Debates - House of Lords](#)
- [Parliamentary Papers - House of Commons](#)
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- [Northern Ireland devolved Parliament and Assembly](#)
- [Parliaments of Scotland](#)
- [Welsh Assembly](#)
- [Oireachtas \(Republic of Ireland\)](#)

The [Parliamentary Archives](#) holds the historic records of the UK Parliament, including both the House of Commons and House of Lords. Access to hard copies of published Parliamentary material can usually be provided in the Parliamentary Archives searchroom, or photocopies provided for a fee.

Public Acts of Parliament

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