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The Parliamentary Documentation Division – cataloguing and indexing public parliamentary materials

Since the Bundestag's first electoral term, the Parliamentary Documentation Division has been cataloguing and indexing the public materials of the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat (including records of plenary debates, bills, motions, interpellations and reports) according to formal and thematic criteria. "Files" are compiled, setting out the stages in the deliberation process for each parliamentary item. This makes it possible to search for parliamentary items by topic (e.g. to determine the stage reached in the legislative process), and to follow the parliamentary activities of each individual Member of the Bundestag (e.g. speeches in plenary on specific agenda items).

DIP database

The materials from the start of the eighth electoral term onwards have been catalogued electronically in the joint Parliamentary Materials Information System (DIP) operated by the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat. The DIP database can be used to search for deliberation processes from the eighth electoral term onwards and Bundestag documents from the first electoral term onwards. Bundesrat documents from the earliest years are not yet available in all cases.

<http://dipbt.bundestag.de>

<http://dip21.bundestag.btg> (intranet)

Printed subject and speakers' indexes

Printed subject and speakers' indexes are available as a finding aid for parliamentary deliberations from the first to the seventh electoral terms.

Full text of documents in electronic form (PDok)

The electronic archive PDok provides digital access to the full text of the German Bundestag's printed papers and minutes of plenary proceedings. The archive contains all documents from 1949 to the present day. It can be searched by number or keyword via a user-friendly interface. For documents from the eighth electoral term onwards, users can also access the DIP database's overview of the stages in the deliberation process, in addition to the full text of the document. PDok also offers an overview of the latest documents published relating to the German Bundestag's deliberations.

<http://pdok.bundestag.de>

Public information service

The Parliamentary Documentation Division's information service provides answers, either by telephone or in writing, to individual enquiries relating to public parliamentary materials, parliamentary deliberations from 1949 onwards, or speeches and other parliamentary activities of Members of the German Bundestag and members of the Bundesrat and the Federal Government. For Members of the German Bundestag and other internal users, it also compiles dossiers on parliamentary deliberations from 1949 onwards. The information service can also provide tips on how to search the DIP database and PDok.

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