



The relationship between research services and library services in parliamentary libraries

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Parliament and information

Make the law

**Debate important
issues**

**Scrutinise
government
activity**

Authorise finance

Represent the people



What kind of library and research service does your Parliament need?

- What does your Parliament need?
- How does your Parliament want to develop?
- What kind of library and/or research service will support the development of the Parliament?



Qualitative survey

- Sample of countries from the Standing Committee
- Indicative
- Shows the range of options
- Some interesting background material such as structure diagrams



What do librarians do?

Find

Evaluate

Organise

Search

Manage data

Train

Disseminate



What do researchers do?

Brief

Write

Consult


Synthesise

Analyse



Examples of research questions

- how does this year's budget compare to last year's budget?
- what countries would be good role models for us?
- How does the average income for my electorate?
- Which countries have a model strategy for a knowledge economy?
- What legislation do other countries have for a particular issues?

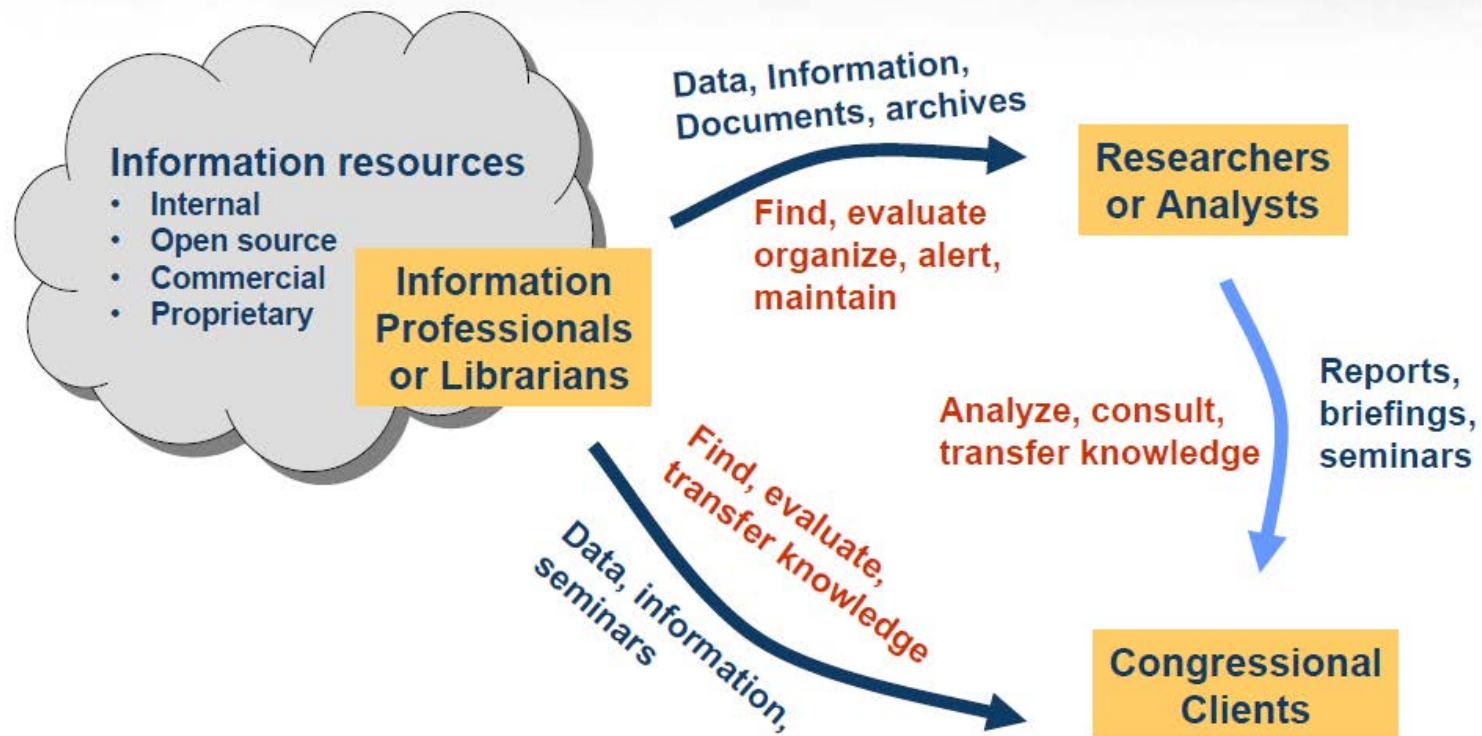


Librarians & researchers working together

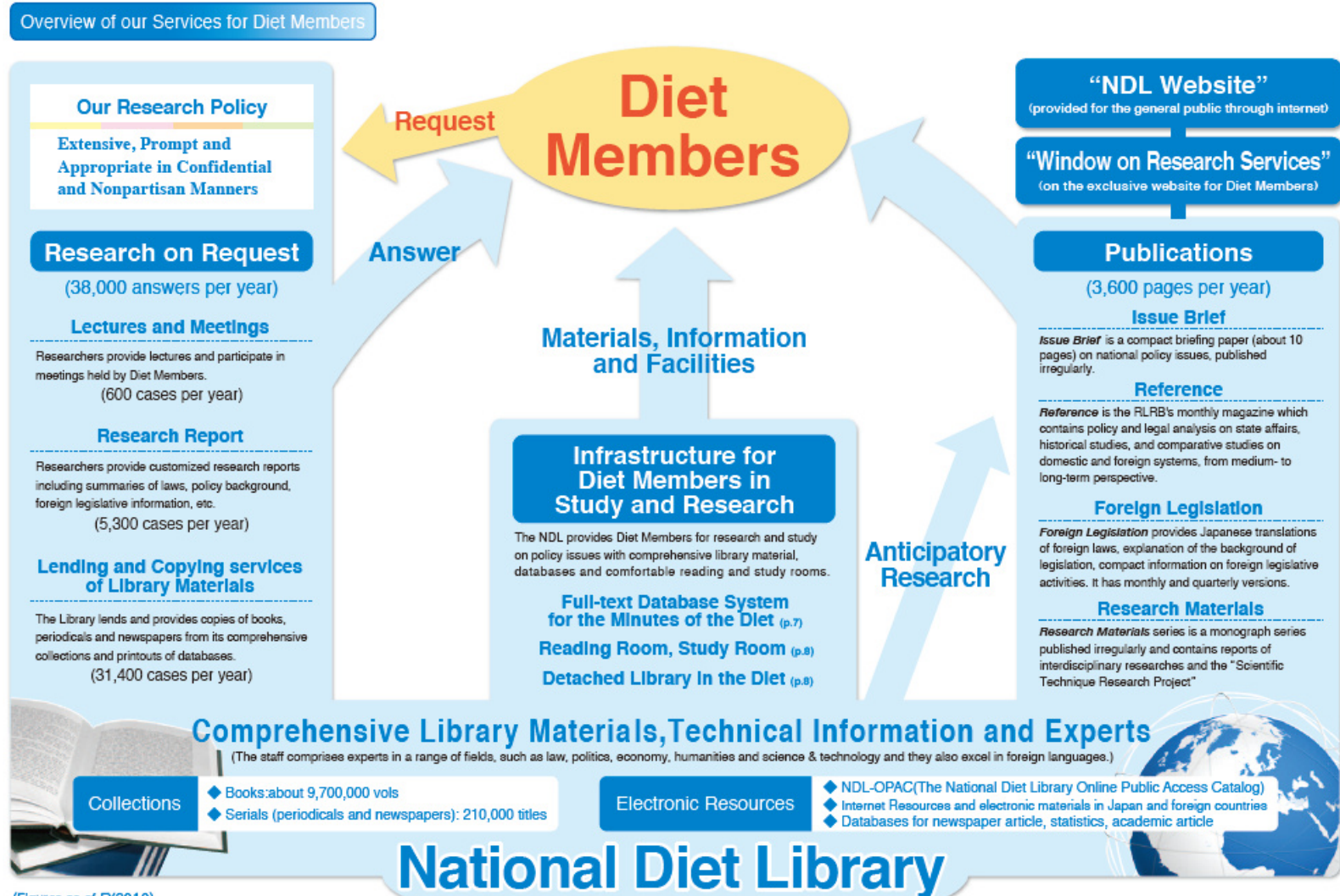
- UK – Single point of access
- UK – members don't distinguish between library and research services
- US – researchers have narrow but deep knowledge
- US – librarians teach, deliver, manage information, broader subject areas
- Scotland – so merged there is no concept of differentiation

United States

Working together for Congress



Japan



(Figures as of FY2010)



Qualifications required

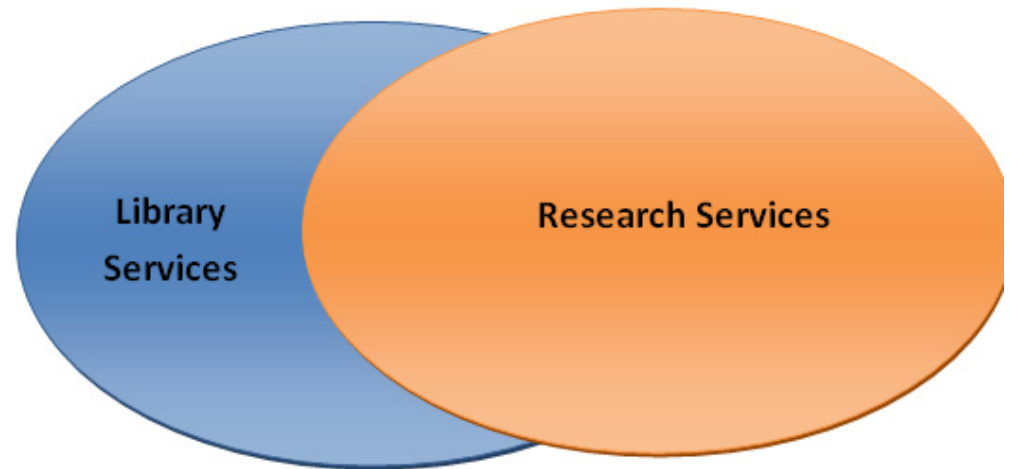
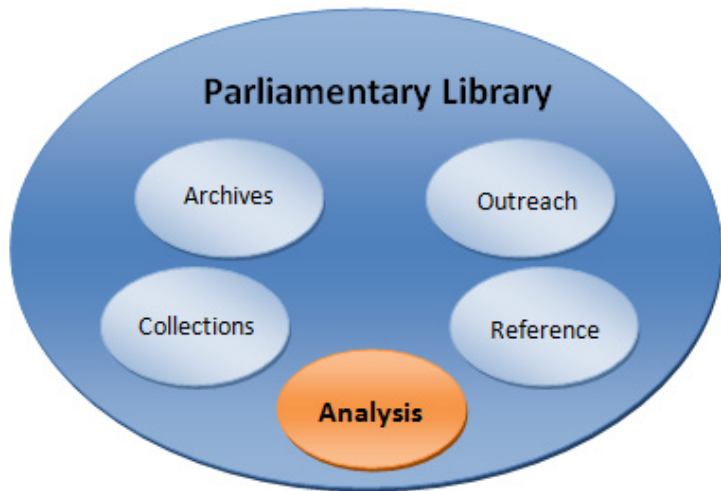
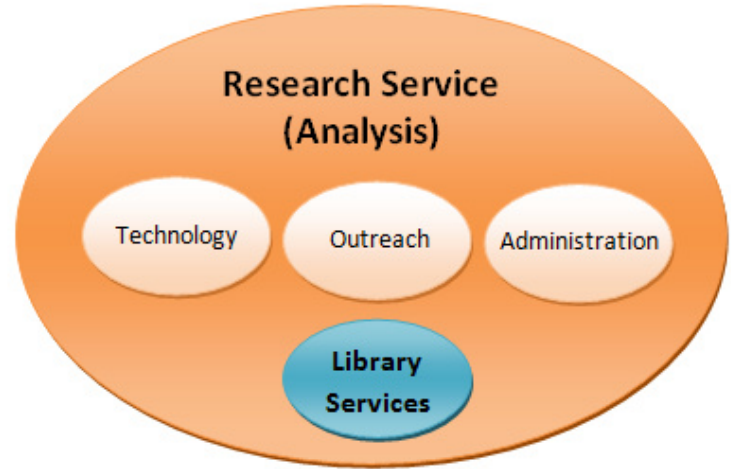
- Commonly, librarians must have a library degree
- Commonly researchers must have a higher degree (Masters or Ph.D)
- Some countries have language requirements as well
- Some countries look for skills rather than qualifications
- Flexibility is becoming more important

Ratio of Librarians: Researchers

US	79	350	0.23
Uganda	7	20	0.35
Chile	30	70	0.43
Japan	50	110	0.45
UK	59	97	0.61
Canada	84	100	0.84
Norway	12	13	0.92
South Africa	85	70	1.21
Ukraine	8	4.5	1.78
Ontario	37	15	2.47
Finland	45	10	4.50



Models of library/research services



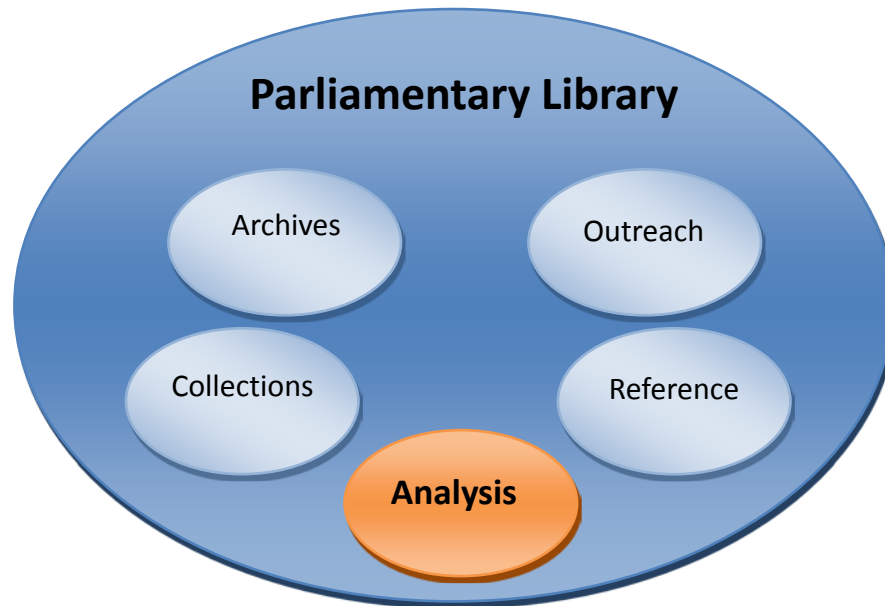


Library service only

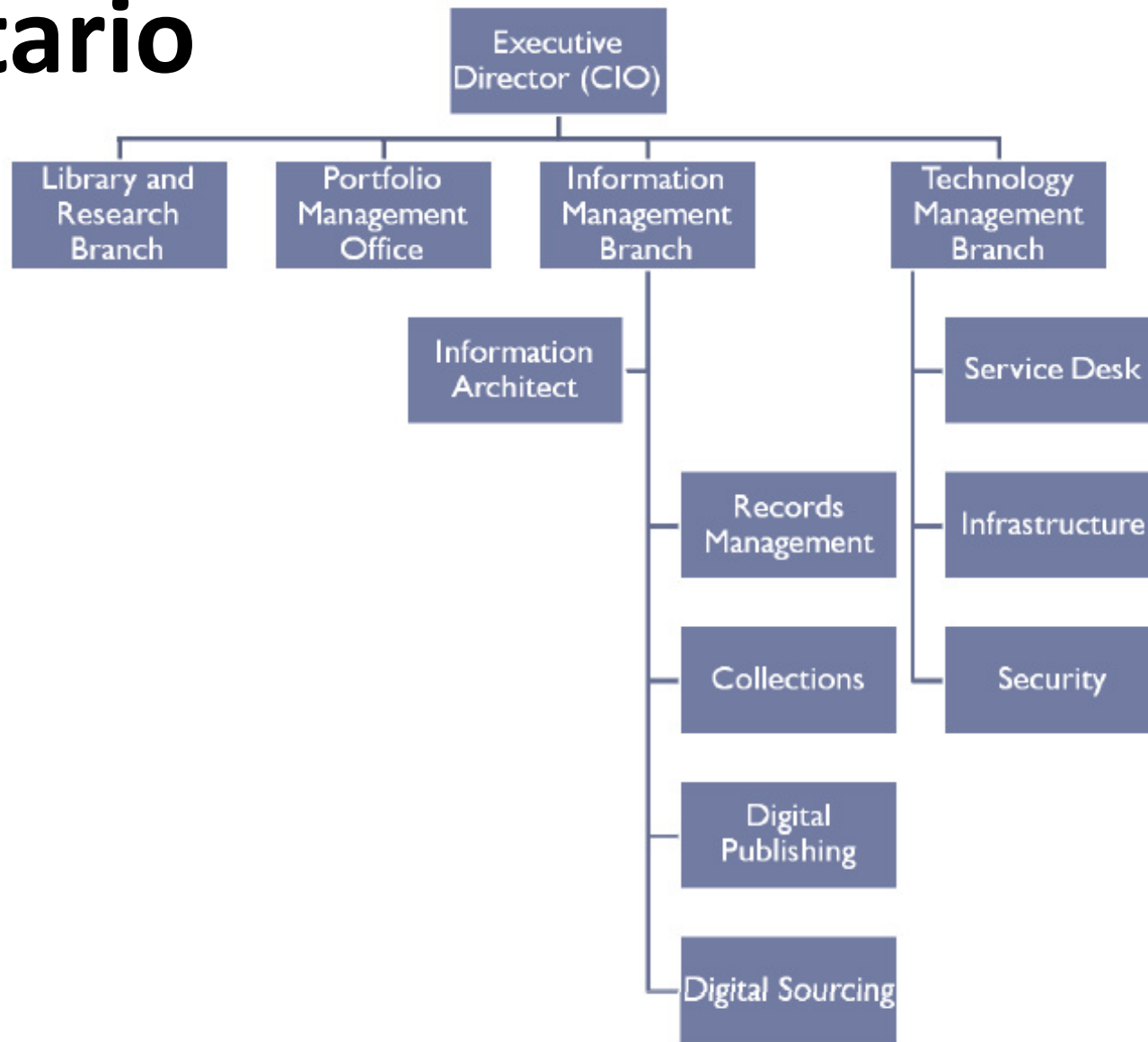
Librarians perform
information searches
and present and
organise electronic
information tools



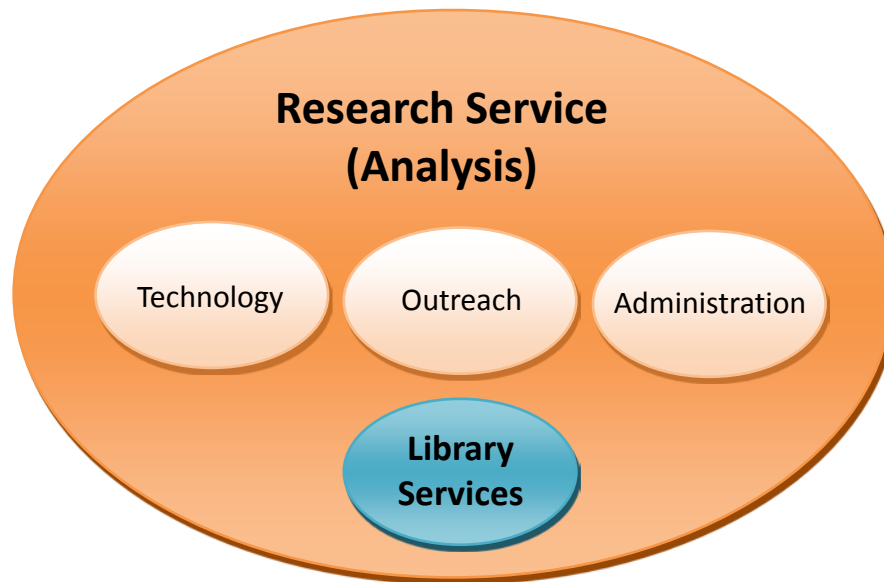
Library services (with some analysis)



Ontario

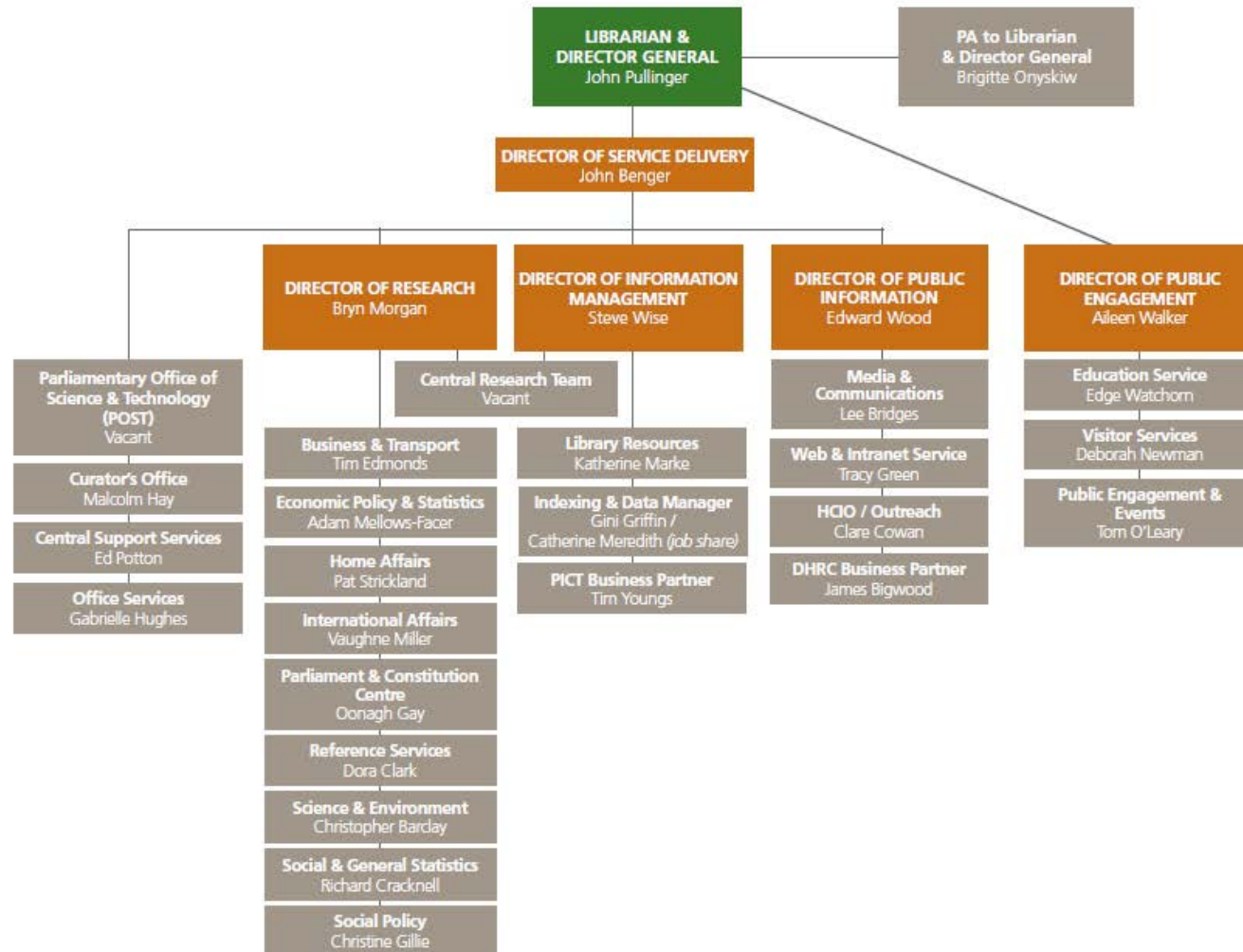


Research Services (with some library services)



United Kingdom

Information Services July 2012

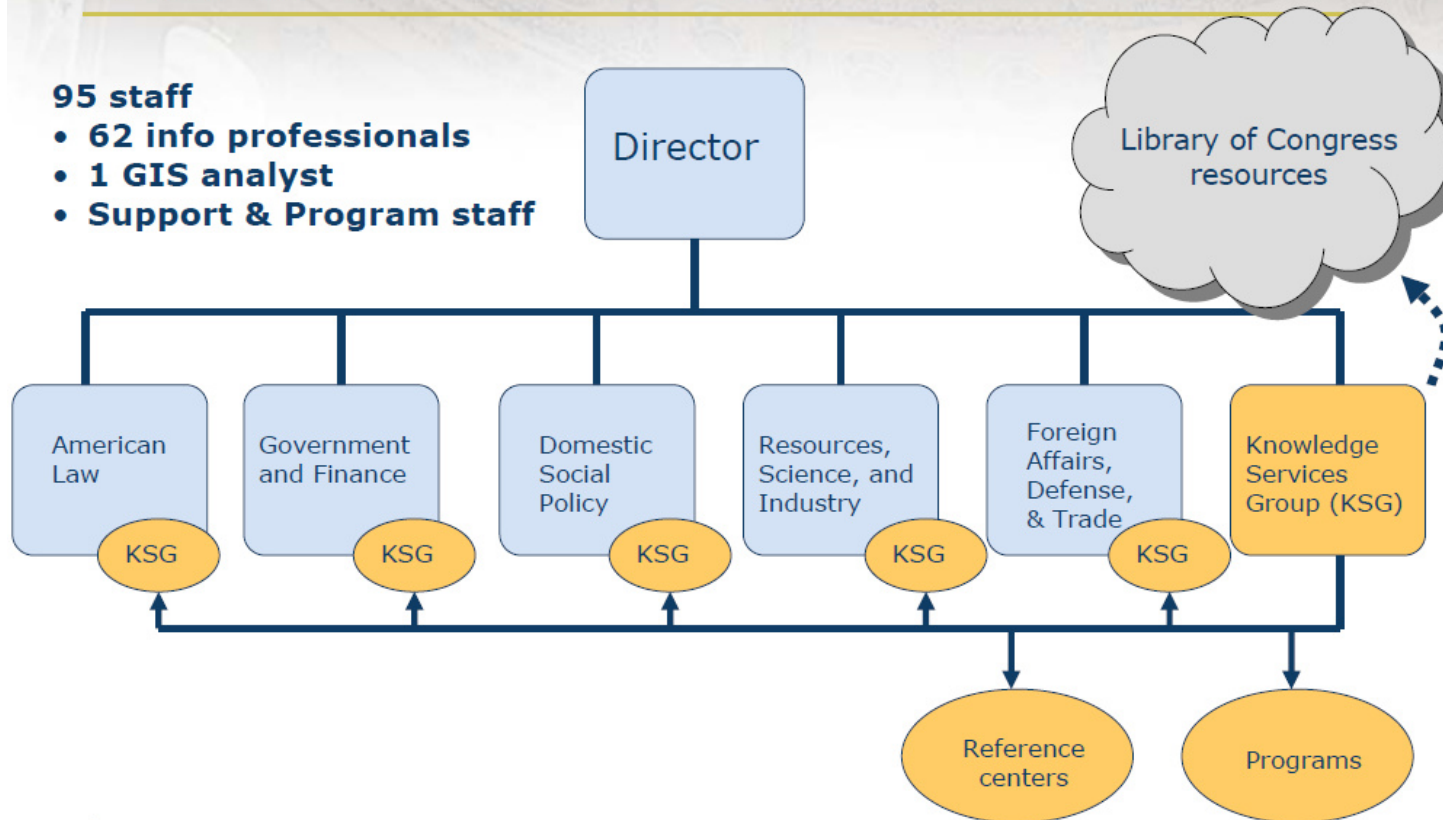


United States

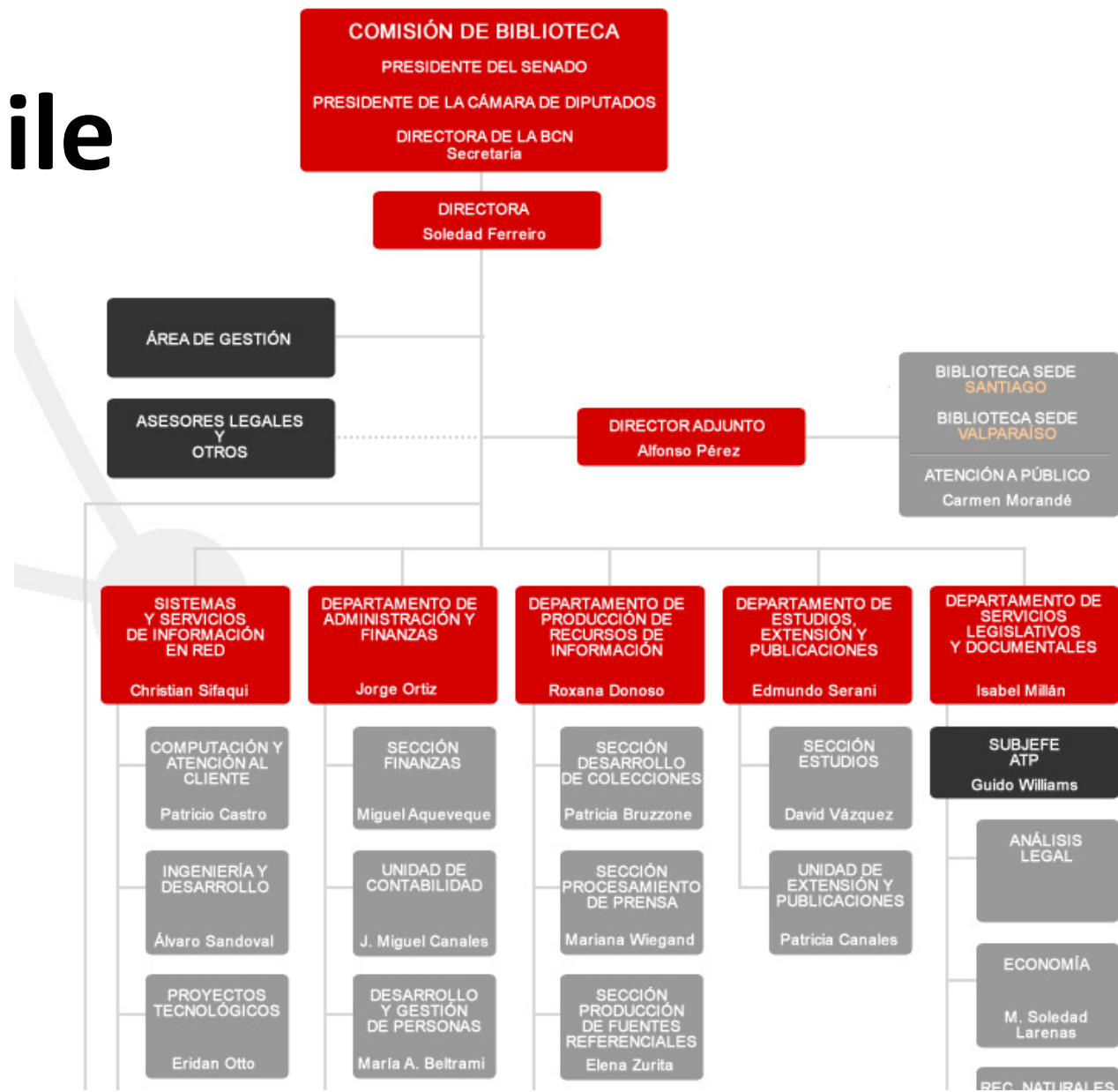
KSG in the CRS Research Structure

95 staff

- 62 info professionals
- 1 GIS analyst
- Support & Program staff



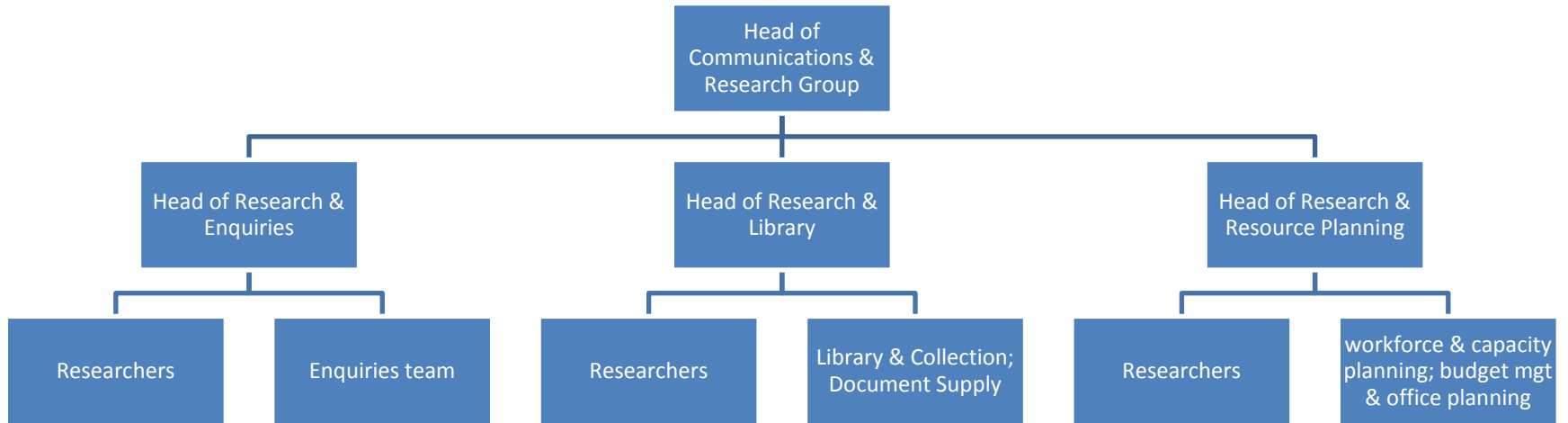
Chile




- <http://transparencia.bcn.cl/estructura/organigrama>

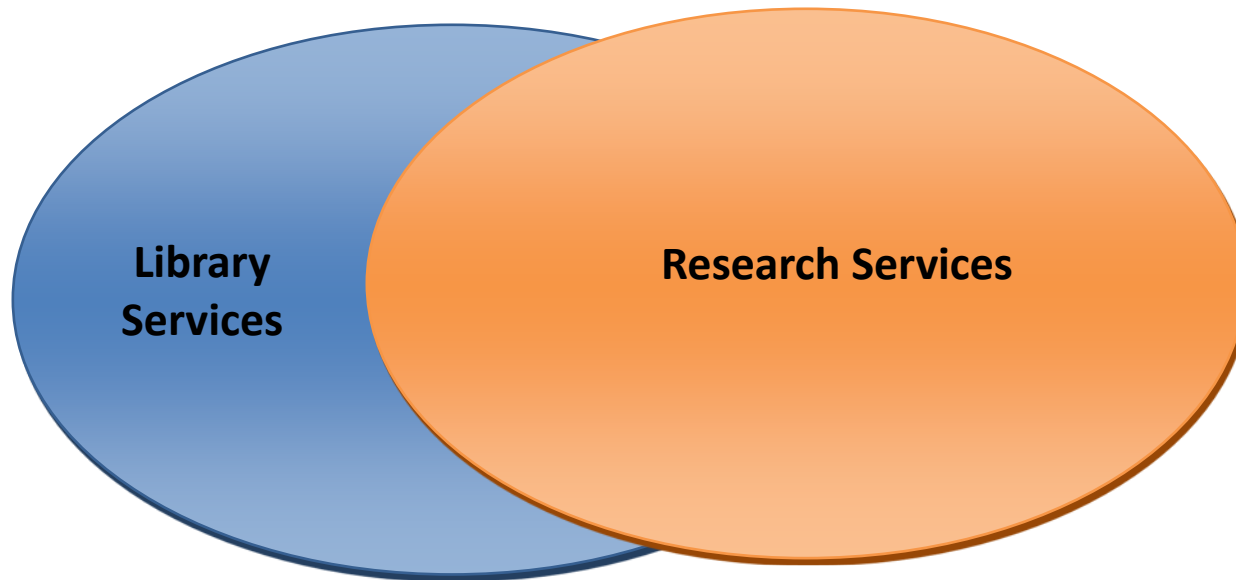


Scotland





Library and research services as partners





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