



Tweede Kamer
DER STATEN-GENERAAL

House of Representatives of the Netherlands; an introduction

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Content

- States General of the Netherlands (history and today)
- House of Representatives
- Information and Archives Department
- Analysis and Research Department



States General of the Netherlands – history (1)

- Originates from the 15th century
- Called into session in 1464 by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy
- First constitution dates from 1814. Last major update in 1983.





States General of the Netherlands – history (2)



Senate (Eerste Kamer)



House of Representatives
(Tweede Kamer)



States General of the Netherlands – history (3)



Het Binnenhof: seat of Parliament since 1584



States General of the Netherlands - Senate





States General of the Netherlands - House of Representatives





House of Representatives - Organisation





Information and Archives Department

- Parliamentary Library
- Central Service Desk
- Information Management
- Parliamentary Archives





Parliamentary Library





Analysis and Research Department (what) – *since 2017*

- Gathering, analysing, structuring and processing information into knowledge directly relevant to the parliamentary process;
- Advising committees and rapporteurs in the budget cycle;
- Conducting the knowledge agenda/ doing research;
- Outsourcing external research;
- Conducting and/or coordinating parliamentary investigations and inquiries.



*Our aim:
the right information
at the right time
in the right form*

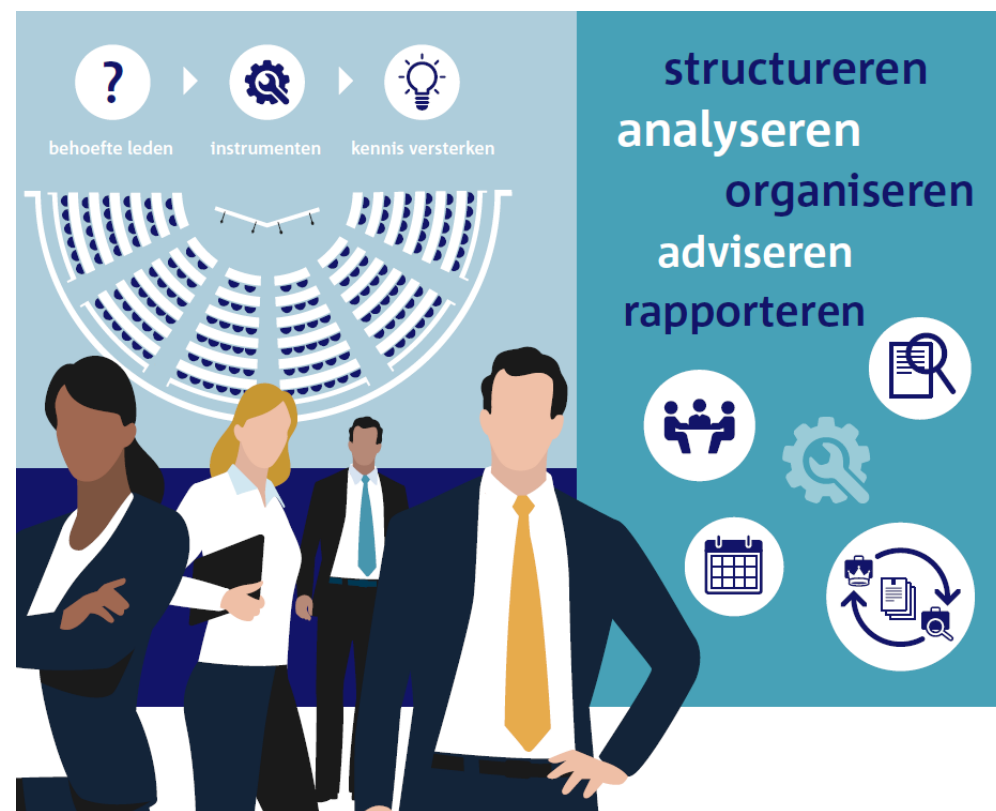




Analysis and Research staff (who)

- Knowledge coordinators (30)
- Information specialists (25)
- EU-advisors (8)
- Legislative analysts (5)

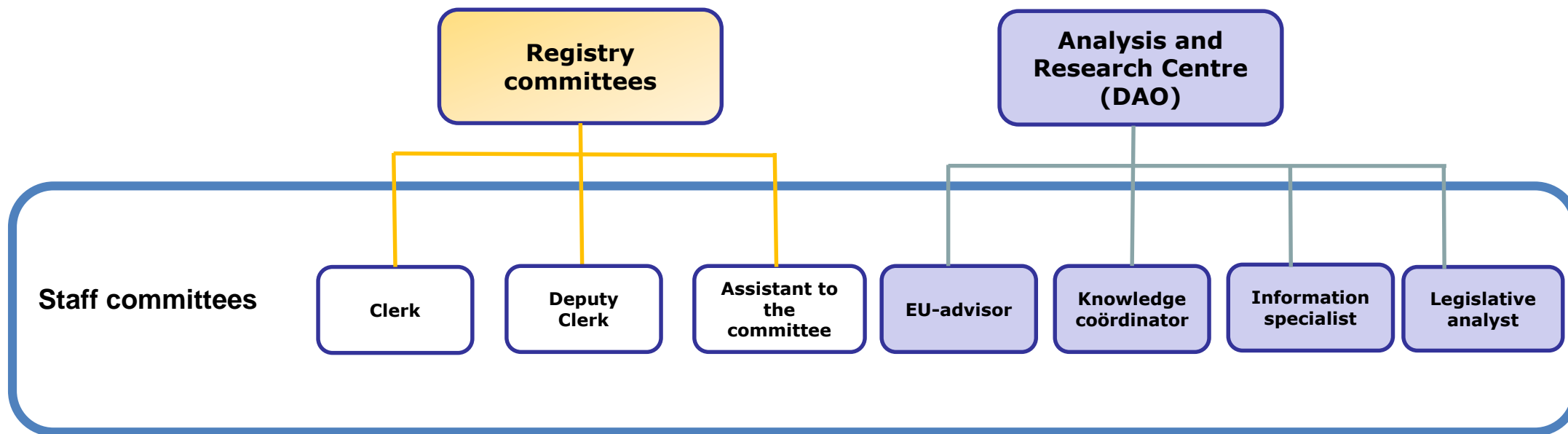
→ Including staff: > 70 people



Needs of MPs in committees → Instruments & activities → Increase knowledge basis



Integral staff of committees (how)





More in depth information

In the breakout sessions tomorrow:

- 11.30 on the *knowledge agendas* (Stroeker / Pot)
- 14.30 on two recent innovations: *scientific assesement* and *legislative rapporteurs* (Julicher / Van der Werf)



Thank you!