Search Parliamentary Material

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This is a beta service, available on Parliament’s website. It has been developed to help the public locate publications related to the whole parliamentary process – legislation, committees, research – and the speeches and questions in the Chamber by MPs and Lords.

Access the search facility: http://search-material.parliament.uk/

In this example the search will find House of Commons material from the 2016-16 parliamentary session where both the words rural and broadband appear.
The words can appear in any order and don’t have to be adjacent.


**Search tips**

- **All of these words** – Content which contains all terms entered will be returned. For example, *rural broadband* will return any content containing both *rural* and *broadband*. These terms do not have to be adjacent.

- **This phrase** – This field searches for the terms entered as a phrase. Searching on, for example, *social network* may return *social networks* or *social networking*. Terms must be adjacent in the content. Searching for *rural broadband* as a phrase wouldn’t find something that mentioned ...*broadband speed in rural areas*...

- **One or more of these words** – This field searches for results containing at least one of your search terms. A search for *internet broadband* would return content containing *broadband* or *internet* or both terms.

- **None of these words** – This field excludes results containing any of these words.

- **Content types** – Click on the plus symbol to expand the display to show more specific options.

  - Click on the tick boxes to select the types of material you want to find.

- **Session** – Hold down the Ctrl key as you click if you want to select more than one session.

**Search results**

- Use the number links on the right-hand side to move from page to page (see screenshot below).

- The **search filters** link will re-display the search form with the details of your search, so that you can add extra options or change your search terms.

- The title of each result is a link to the relevant full text (where possible).

- The grey text below each result shows the publication date, content type, House and reference.

- The URL for your search (shown in the Address bar in your browser) contains all the information for the search. You can save the URL to your favourites or bookmarks if you want to run it again later.

  - You can also copy and paste the URL into an email if you want to share the results with someone else. Clicking on the link will re-run the search. If a few days go by before the email recipient clicks on the link they may see more results that you did when you sent the link.