



Adoption of digital technologies by Australasian and other Westminster Parliaments

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This presentation summarises the experience of 16 English speaking parliaments in Australia and overseas, based upon the results of a questionnaire survey of the adoption of digital technology originally conducted for the Association of Australasian Parliamentary Libraries (APLA) during 2010-11.

Key issues to be reported upon include:

- the pattern of spread of digital technology among the respondent parliaments which self-reported on technologies in use or under consideration, together with those which had been discontinued or were not in use and not planned to be used;





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- in particular, whether respondents had established a presence in the world of social media (while the majority did have at least one Web 2.0 application, fewer had a specific social media presence such as a page on a social networking site or an account with a microblogging service);
- challenges and opportunities new digital technology presents for parliaments (including respondents' views, in their own words, about Web 2.0, whether Web 2.0 technologies will displace more established mediums or simply expand the range of options open to parliaments, evaluating technology and technology oversight).

Baseline data (point in time) on technologies in use or under consideration has been compiled in tabular form and will comprise the major part of the presentation.





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Finally, to show how quickly the picture can change, recent developments in the Queensland Parliament, such as the Parliamentary Library's new research blog, [QPL Post](#) and its Twitter feed, are also outlined (at the time of the original survey, the Queensland Parliament was a low adopter of Web 2.0 technologies).

