The Official Publications Collection is based in the **Taylor Library and European Documentation Centre**. A floor plan showing the location of each section of the collection is on display near the entrance to the Taylor Library & EDC. This is accessible online at: [http://bit.ly/Taylorfloorplan](http://bit.ly/Taylorfloorplan)

**UK Official Publications**

**Parliamentary Papers**

All House of Commons papers 1688 - 2009/10 are available in electronic format on the **House of Commons Parliamentary Papers** database. House of Commons Papers comprise Bills, HC Papers and Command Papers. From the 2006/07 session all **House of Commons papers** are available on the [Public Information Online](http://bit.ly/Taylorfloorplan) database.

Both of these databases can be accessed through **Primo** or the subject page for official publications at: [www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/taylor/official-publications/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/taylor/official-publications/)

Members of the public can access the **House of Commons Parliamentary Papers** database using the **Walk-in Users Service** at The Sir Duncan Rice Library.

**House of Commons**

- Paper copies of House of Commons Sessional Papers 1894-1980/81 are kept in store and are available, for consultation or loan, on request.
  
  As individual reports within the Sessional Papers are not catalogued, please contact the Official Publications staff if you require help identifying the appropriate volume.

- In addition to the Command Papers included in the House of Commons Sessional Papers, there is a set of unbound Command Papers, in the Taylor Library. As not all individual papers are catalogued please contact Official Publications staff if you require assistance.

- **British Parliamentary Papers 1800 - 1899** is a collection of selected House of Commons Papers and Command Papers published by the Irish University Press. The collection is arranged chronologically by subject and is housed in the Taylor Library.

**House of Lords**


In addition the Taylor Library has copies of:

- House of Lords manuscript minutes, committee books and voting records 1620 - 1714 (on microfilm)
- House of Lords Sesssional Papers 1714 - 1805 (Oceana reprint) (paper)

**Parliamentary Debates**

The Taylor Library has paper copies of:

- Parliamentary debates of the House of Commons, House of Lords (commonly known as Hansard) and the Parliamentary History and cover the period from 1066 to 2007/08
- Debates of the Standing Committees of the House of Commons 1966/67 to 2006/07
- In addition the House of Commons and House of Lords Debates are available on Public Information Online from 2008.

**Parliamentary Journals**

The Taylor has copies, some in paper and some on microfiche of:

- House of Commons Journal 1547 to date
- House of Lords Journal 1509 to date

**UK Acts**

The Taylor Library has paper copies of:

- Public and General Acts
- Statutes of the Realm 1066 - 1713
- Statutes at Large 1225 - 1800
- Public General Statutes 1797 to date
- Local and Private Acts 1797 to date
Fully consolidated UK Acts are available on the legal database Westlaw UK. See the Library guide: Westlaw UK - legislation.

Digitised historical Parliamentary material has been made available on the internet by various organisations. It is listed at: http://bit.ly/DigitisedHistoricalParliamentaryMaterial

Statutory Instruments
The Library holds paper copies of:

- Statutory Rules & Orders and Statutory Instruments revised to December 1903 v.1-12
- Statutory Rules & Orders and Statutory Instruments revised to 1948 v.1-25
- Statutory Instruments 1953, 1956 - 2000
- The legal database Westlaw provides links to full text UK Statutory Instruments from 1987 onwards.

Government department publications
Paper holdings are listed in the Library catalogue. The Key Non-Parliamentary Papers section of Public Information Online includes documents from UK government departments and agencies from 2010.

Scottish Parliamentary publications
The Library holds:

- Acts of the Scottish Parliament 1999 to date
- Bills including explanatory notes, other accompanying documents, and policy memoranda 1999 - 2007
- Official Report: Written Answers

From Session 3 (2007) onwards all Scottish Parliament material is available in full text from the Public Information Online Database available through Primo or the subject page for official publications at: www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/taylor/official-publications/

The Scottish Parliament website has material from 1999 onwards.

Fully consolidated Acts of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Statutory Instruments both from 1999- are available on Westlaw which can be accessed through Primo or from the subject page for Law at: http://bit.ly/LawElectronicDatabases

The Library also holds paper copies of The Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland 1235 – 1707. These are also available on The Records of the Parliaments of Scotland (RPS) website. This is a fully searchable database containing the proceedings of the Scottish Parliament from the first surviving act of 1235 to the union of 1707. It is available at: www.rps.ac.uk/

Scottish Government publications
The Library has a collection of documents published by the Government (also referred to as the Scottish Executive) since 1999. These are all listed on the Library catalogue.

Recent documents are available on the Scottish Government website at: www.gov.scot/Publications/Recent as well as on Public Information Online.

National Assembly for Wales
Acts from 2008 onwards (formerly designated as Measures up to 2012) are available in electronic format on Public Information Online.

Northern Ireland Assembly
Bills, Papers, Committee Reports and Debates from 2008 and Acts from 2000 are available in electronic format on Public Information Online.

European Documentation Centre
The Library holds or can help source the following types of documents:

- Official Journal of the European Communities L, C and S series
- COM documents (Commission working documents)
- European Parliament debates and reports
- European Court Reports
- Eurostat publications
- Studies and background papers

While much of the material from the European Commission is no longer received in hard copy, EU official documents and legislation can be traced and accessed via the Europa website http://europa.eu. The EDC staff can help you trace this material.

OECD collection
The Library has a collection of OECD documents from 1961 to 2003. From 2004 all OECD books, periodicals and statistical data are available in electronic format via the OECD iLibrary.

This database can be accessed through Primo or the subject page for official publications at: www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/taylor/official-publications/
Census reports
The library has access to most of the published British census reports from 1801 to 2001.
- Great Britain 1801 - 1851
- England & Wales 1861 - 2001
- Scotland 1831 - 2001 (including the 1851 census of religious worship & education)
- Ireland 1841 - 1911

Use the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers Database for 19th and early 20th Century census materials. Online Historical Population Reports (OHPR) provides online access to population reports for Britain and Ireland from 1801 to 1937.

www.census.ac.uk/ provides a one stop gateway to data and support services which allow users and researchers in UK Higher and Further Education to access the UK censuses from 1971-2001. It also provides access to other important census related resources.

For the 2011 Census:

England and Wales:

Scotland:
www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/

Northern Ireland:

Irish Parliament
The Taylor Library has paper copies of:
- Journal of the House of Commons of the Kingdom of Ireland 1613 - 1789

League of Nations
The Taylor Library has paper copies of:
- Treaty Series 1920 - 1946

United Nations
The Taylor Library has paper copies of:
- UN Treaty Series v.1–1420, 1946 - 1986
- UN General Assembly 1950/51 - 1986
- UN Resolutions 1946 - 1986
- UN Key Resolutions 1946 - 1996
- UN Document Index 1950 – 1982
- UN Security Council 1946 – 1966
- UN Conference on Trade and Development 1975 - 1986

Check the catalogue for other UN titles shelved at other Aberdeen University Library locations.

The Official Document System (ODS) website covers all official UN documentation from 1993 onwards. It also provides access to resolutions of the General, Security and Economic and Social Councils from 1946 onwards.

All treaty information is available from the UN Treaty database at: http://treaties.un.org/

If you have any problems tracing official publications please contact the dedicated OP help desk on the upper floor of the Taylor Library.

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