

Parliamentary Access Data

Parliamentary access data are collected based on committee documents. The data consist of four data sets:

1. Danish committee meetings (deputations) and letters collected from July 1 2009 to June 30 2010
2. Danish committee meetings letters collected from October 1 1975 to September 30 1976
3. NL committee meetings and letters collected from January 1 2010 to December 31 2010
4. UK committee oral and written collected from August 1 2010 to July 31 2010

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The data sets include information about

1. Actor type describing the type of actor in contact with parliamentary committees such as interest groups, experts, government actors or private companies.
2. Actor category ordering actors into three main categories interest groups, institutions and others, which was used for the publication of the data in *The Journal of Legislative Studies* (Pedersen, Halpin and Rasmussen 2015)
3. Interest group type categorizing all interest groups according to the INTERARENA coding scheme
4. Type of contact which takes different forms across the three parliament separating letters from meetings and separating different kind of meetings in the Dutch case
5. Committee providing information about the committee for which letters or meetings were registered
6. ID for actors allowing aggregations using unique actors as units of analysis
7. ID for contact allowing aggregations using unique contacts as units of analysis.

References

Helboe Pedersen, H., Halpin, D., & Rasmussen, A. (2015). Who gives evidence to parliamentary committees? A comparative investigation of parliamentary committees and their constituencies. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, 21(3), 408-427.