

## READING ROOM ADVICE

This advice considers how reading rooms operate, based on the one precedent we have of TTIP reading rooms. Reading rooms are one mechanism for sharing information with Parliament and there are other ways eg in camera briefings, but none are considered as leak-proof as reading rooms.

### The TTIP reading room

The only time that reading rooms have been used before is in TTIP where they appeared in the European Parliament, the UK and in most Member States. [REDACTED] Out of scope

The TTIP reading room is currently located in 1 Victoria Street and opened on 19 October 2016, though it is expected to move to the new DIT building on Whitehall Place in April. MPs were informed by Lord Price, Minister of State for Trade Policy at DIT that it would be open for half a day every week, with only Parliamentarians granted access. In practice, DIT officials have been more flexible in order to accommodate requests in line with other work priorities. They have to pre-book and are allowed in without any pens or equipment (pencils only) and accompanied by a BEIS official. Inside the small room are large amounts of paperwork which Parliamentarians may read but not take away. There is no help with interpreting documents. [REDACTED] Out of scope

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