**‘How does Parliament use research?’ video transcript**

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Slide heading: How does Parliament use research?

“Hi, my name’s Pete Backhouse, I’ve been working as a Parliamentary Researcher for a little bit over a year now. We go through an incredible amount of academic research, MPs are generalists and so they deal with an enormous range of topics. Academic research is really important because it allows Members to be better informed.”

Slide heading: POST and academic research

“My name is Naomi Stewart and I’m the Communications Manager for the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, otherwise known as POST.”

“Hi I’m Jack Miller, I’m one of the scientific advisors here at POST. POST consults widely with academics and experts throughout the research process. We speak to academics at any stage of their career really, and we use it both within our research for writing POSTnotes or other policy briefings.”

Naomi Stewart: “POST holds a fair amount of events throughout the year, from small closed private briefings, in which we bring in five to seven experts to do a roundtable with parliamentarians and directly share their expertise.”

Slide heading: Research for enquiries

“My name’s Emily and I’m a Researcher in the House of Lords Library. As a Researcher, I provide responses to enquiries submitted by Members of the House of Lords and their staff. We often have experts come in to talk to us about particular subjects, such as for example EU law. We also call on experts when we have a particularly tricky enquiry on a subject.”

“Hello my name is Irene Hulova. I’ve been working as a Parliamentary Assistant/ Researcher for over two years. Members of Parliament are not experts in every topic but our constituents expect them to be so it’s very important they have a good research team, which can brief them on any topic possible.”

Slide heading: Academic research for MPs and Lords

“Hiya, my name is Zainab, I work for the International Development Committee as a Committee Assistant. Academic research and experience is a valuable source of evidence that select committees use when conducting their inquiries.”

“I’m Ben Taylor, I’m the Policy Analyst with the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence. Academics can send us written evidence, which will help to guide the scope of the inquiry. We couldn’t really do our work without evidence, and much of that evidence comes from academia.”

“My name’s Chris, I’m a researcher in the House of Commons Library. Academic research is important for the House of Commons Library because we try to provide briefings which are impartial and include a wide range of sources and viewpoints.”

Pete Backhouse: “These are some of the ways that we use your research.”

Emily: “You can find out more on the Parliament website.”

Jack Miller: “We look forward to engaging with you.”

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