



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESEARCH SERVICE
Republic of Korea

The National Assembly Research Service (NARS) was launched to build an independent system of professional knowledge and information for the legislature and to meet members' growing demand for legislative information.

We promise to contribute to realizing the "policy-driven National Assembly" by assisting members with quality information on legislation and policy and to consolidate its reputation as a premier organization conducting comprehensive policy analysis.



We are committed to developing NARS as the preeminent legislative think tank, supporting the goal of establishing a “policy-driven National Assembly.”

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“We strive to become one of the most trusted legislative think-tanks by maintaining non-partisanship”

Greetings from the Chief of NARS

The National Assembly Research Service (NARS) was founded in 2007 as an independent research agency to strengthen the National Assembly's legislative capacity and expertise.

Since its establishment NARS has strived to grow as the assembly's main think tank for comprehensive policy analysis. NARS is now gearing up for a new phase of development as a top-tier research institution of the National Assembly.

In an effort to ensure better legislative support, NARS will continue to conduct in-depth analysis of various policy issues, as well as develop and propose feasible legislative agenda. Moreover, NARS will further strengthen organizational capacity and enhance its networks with domestic and global institutions. NARS will endeavor to maintain balance, non-partisanship, and high-level of expertise in its work, fostering the trust it has developed over the years with members of the assembly, government institutions, and society.

Building on the progress we made regarding legislative research and studies NARS will continue to work hard as a venue for communication and to better serve our citizens.

We deeply appreciate your continued interest and support. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nae Young Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nae Young Lee

Chief of the National Assembly Research Service

About NARS

Legal Ground

NARS was established on November 6, 2007 in accordance with Article 22.3 of the National Assembly Act and the National Assembly Research Service Act. As the research arm of the National Assembly, NARS supports members' legislative activities by conducting research and analysis on legislation and policy.

History

2006. 12. 26.

Approval of the National Assembly Research Service Act

2007. 3. 25.

Entry into force of the National Assembly Research Service Act

2007. 7. 3.

Appointment of Hyung-sung Kim as the 1st Chief of NARS.

Organization of NARS with 2 research offices and 1 managing office, 10 teams, and 65 staff members

2007. 11. 6.

Official inauguration of NARS

2009. 4. 27.

Appointment of Jong-hoon Lim as the 2nd Chief of NARS

Reorganization of NARS into 3 research offices and 1 managing office, 1 counsel, 14 teams, and 92 staff members

2010. 3. 18.

Appointment of Ji-yeon Shim as the 3rd Chief of NARS

2010. 4. 27.

Reorganization of NARS with the number of staff increasing to 101

2011. 8. 26.

Reorganization of NARS with the number of staff increasing to 114

2011. 12. 27.

Reorganization of NARS into 3 research offices and 1 managing office, 1 counsel, 2 divisions, 12 teams, and 117 staff members

2012. 10. 26.

Appointment of Hyun-wook Koh as the 4th Chief of NARS

2013. 12. 13.

Reorganization of NARS into 3 research offices and 1 managing office, 1 counsel, 2 divisions, 12 teams, and 119 staff members

2014. 10. 2.

Appointment of Seong-ho Lim as the 5th Chief of NARS

2016. 11. 24.

Reorganization of NARS into 3 research offices and 1 managing office, 2 counsels, 2 divisions, 12 teams, and 126 staff members

2016. 12. 29.

Appointment of Nae Young Lee as the 6th Chief of NARS

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Realizing the goal of a "policy-driven National Assembly."



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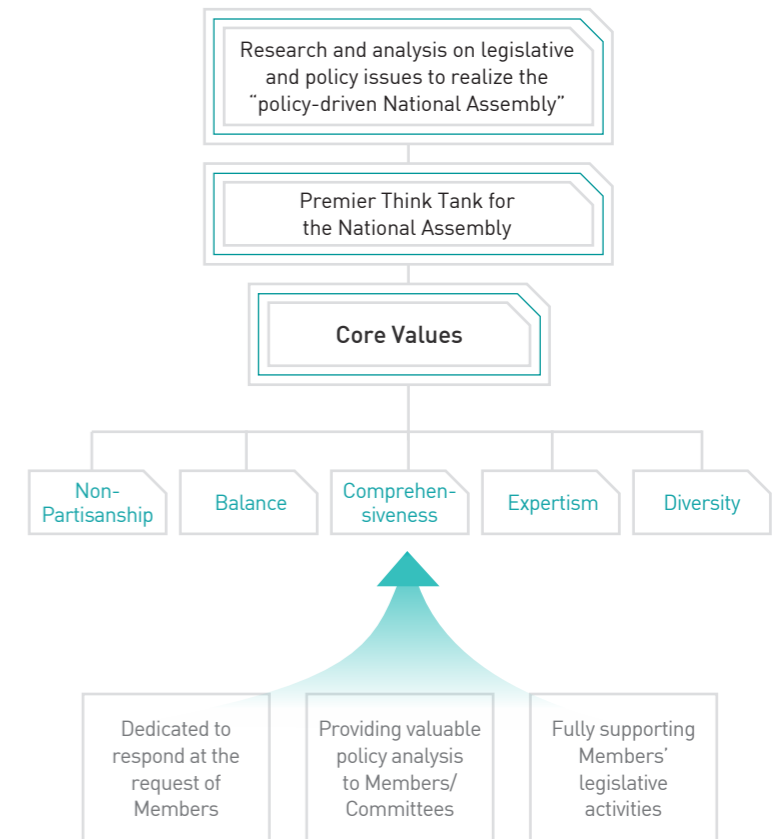


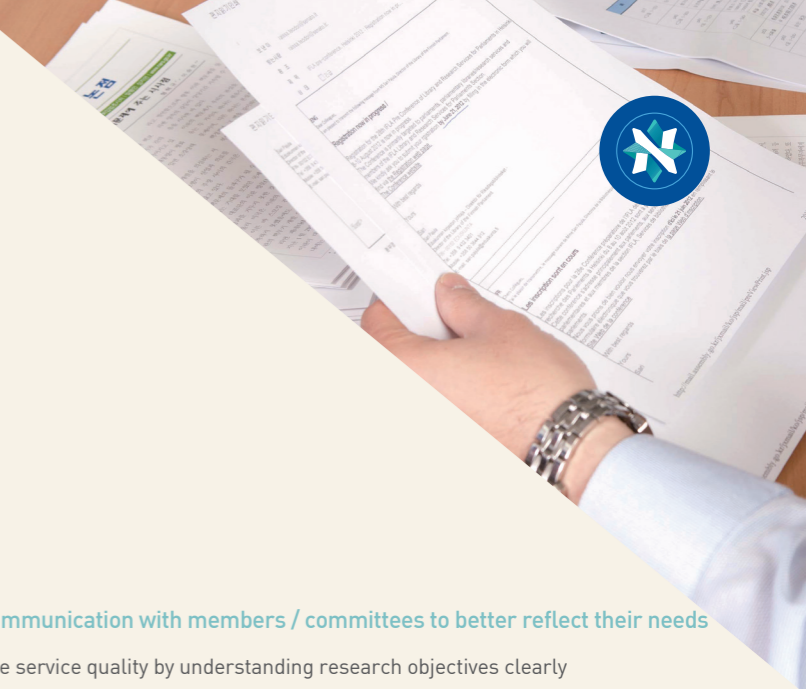
Mission

NARS carries out the following tasks with an aim to strengthen the legislative and policy development capacity of the National Assembly

- Conduct research and analysis at the request of members / committees
- Undertake research on legislative and policy issues
- Collect, manage, and disseminate information on legislative and policy issues
- Assist members' research groups
- Carry out analysis on overseas legislative trends

Vision and Core Values





Mission

Processing Requests for Legislative Research

NARS conducts research and analysis on legislative and policy issues in a scientific and professional manner at the request of members / committees.

Prompt process service

- Process requests within 10 working days
- Provide concise and pertinent research outcomes
- Increase oral and in-person briefings

Professional and high-quality research and analysis

- Actively seek advice from outside experts and strengthen personal training
- Strengthen peer review
- Expand cooperation with experts working at committees, Legislative Counseling Office, and National Assembly Budget Office



Active communication with members / committees to better reflect their needs

- Enhance service quality by understanding research objectives clearly and seeking feedbacks
- Provide face-to-face reporting of research findings upon request

Maintenance of strict confidentiality

- Ensure confidentiality regarding research inquiries and outcomes

Working procedure of NARS



Tips for a productive and efficient process

- Inquiries need to be as specific and clear as possible to ensure productive work processes. Requests should be concerned with public interest issues, not with issues regarding the interest of particular political parties or groups.



Publishing Research and Analysis

NARS initiates research and analysis on current and potential legislative and policy issues. Through publishing reports NARS recommends policy directions and solutions based on research and its studies.



Distribution Memoranda

Information newsletter on current trends and issues at home and abroad that will likely affect Korean politics, economy and society. This report provides an overview of the topic and analyses key issues and proposes legislative solutions.



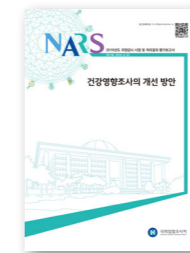
Issue Brief

In-depth research paper on important legislative and policy issues in response to the changes in the domestic and international environment.



Inspection Report

Annual report on major issues of different government ministries and fields that will likely be part of the agenda for the upcoming parliamentary inspections.



History and Issues of Major Policy

Report to assist members and related officials in carrying out legislative activities—drafting and amending laws and regulations, and interpellation. This report summarizes policy history, trends and future directions.



Legislative Impact Analysis

Report predicting, analyzing, and assessing the direct and indirect impact of legislative bill and law on nation, society, and individuals in scientific and systematic way.



NARS Report

Comprehensive report which analyzes and evaluates selective topics of national and societal interests.



Field Survey Report

Report based on field work on policies and projects which are gaining social attention, but requires further studies beyond documentary survey.



Statistical Briefings

Report with statistics which looks into statistics and indicators related to legislation and policy issues to evaluate their legislative implications.



Legislative and Policy Agenda

Report which identifies and analyses major issues in different fields and proposes legislative and policy measures.



Legislation and Policy Studies

Academic journal consisting of in-depth articles regarding legislation and policies.

Publications are available at the NARS website at <http://www.nars.go.kr/eng/index.do> under "NARS Reports"

Assisting Legislature for Oversight of the Executive

- NARS provides a relevant standing committee with information on suggestions to make better laws, systems and administration.
 - Conduct research and analysis on problems or wrongdoings related to the government policy or administration in order to assist the legislature in preparing for the annual parliamentary inspection of the government policy and administration
- NARS provides an evaluation on the follow-up actions of the oversight of the administrative branch to increase the executive accountability and feedback to next year's oversight of the administrative branch.
 - Strengthen effectiveness and continuity of the National Assembly's oversight of the administrative branch
 - Support standing committee's control over the executive branch

Supporting Members' Legislative and Policy Development Activities

- Assisting members' legislative and policy development activities so that the National Assembly can take a leading role in cultivating a social atmosphere of public discourses and further developing representative democracy.
 - Organize joint seminars and forums with members' offices
 - Assist members' offices in organizing seminars and forums: Participate as presenters, discussants, or moderators
- Assisting members' research groups to invigorate policy research and development.
 - Organize research teams to provide full support to research groups
 - Types of assistance
 - Review or select topics for seminars and forums
 - Recommend presenters, discussants, or moderators for seminars and forums
 - Organize joint seminars and forums
 - Collaborate in preparing reports on the outcomes of seminars and forums

Application procedure to host joint seminar is as follows:

Submission of application form

- Submit an application form to relevant team no more than 30 days prior to the seminar day
- Application is acceptable semiannually

Screening and selection criteria

- Meeting the application requirement, significance and urgency of the issue, accordance with the NARS core values

Preparation for hosting

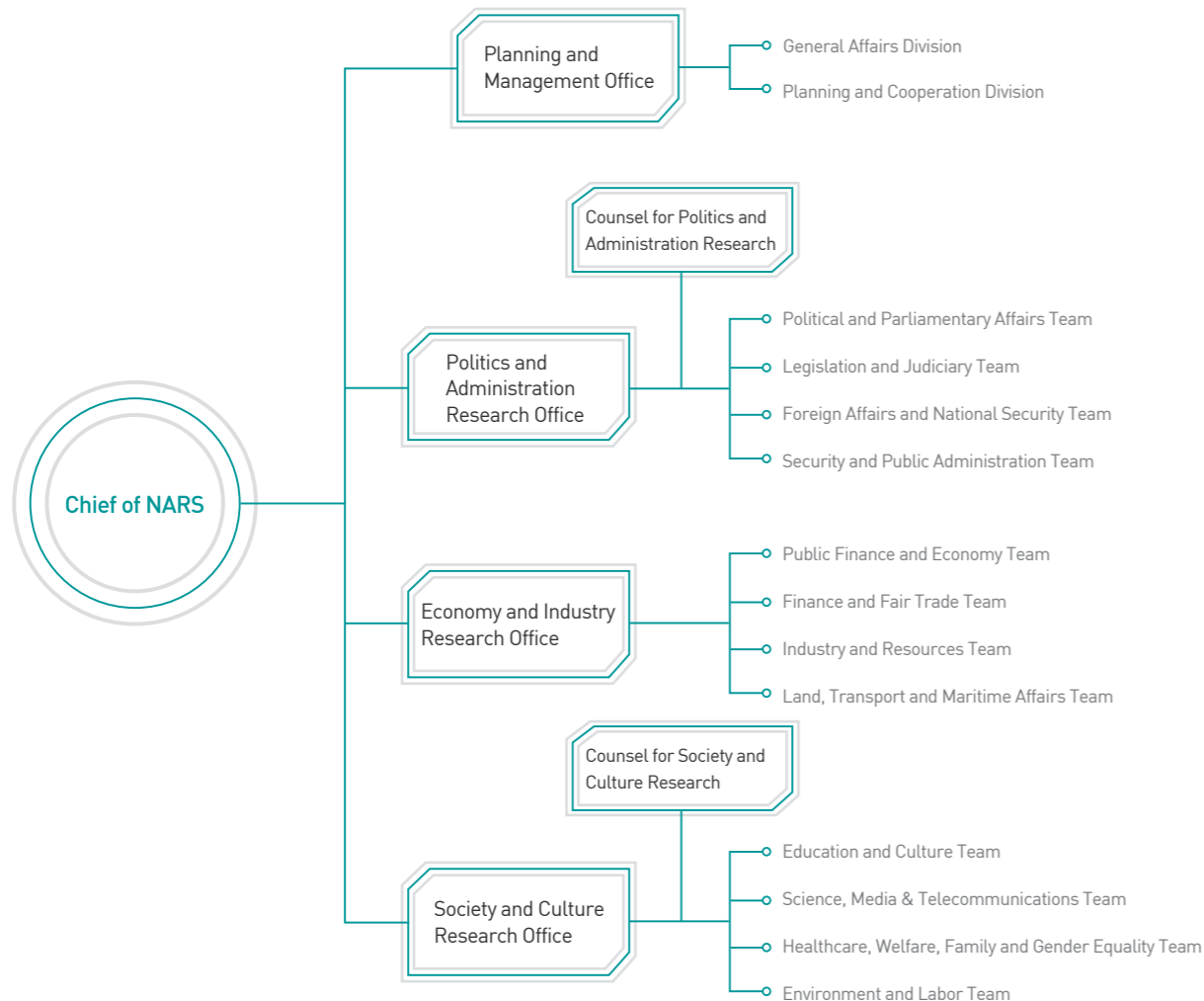
Discuss details about seminar (e.g. sharing expenses)





Organizational Chart

NARS is composed of three research offices, one planning & management office, two counsels, two divisions, and 12 teams with a total of 126 staff members.



Research Offices
(Politics and Administration, Economy and Industry, Society and Culture)

The three research offices conduct research and analysis at the request of members / committees. They collect, manage, and provide information on legislative and policy issues and study current legislative and policy trends at home and abroad.

Offices & Teams	Phone	Research Fields
Politics and Administration Research Office	Political and Parliamentary Affairs	+82-2-788-4530 Constitution, Parliament, Political Party, Election, Political Fund
	Legislation and Judiciary	+82-2-788-4540 Judiciary Affairs, Anti-Corruption, Human Rights, Court of Justice, Constitutional Justice, Audit & Inspection
	Foreign Affairs and National Security	+82-2-788-4550 Foreign Affairs, International Organization, Trade, International Law, Reunification Policy, Security, National Defense, Military Service, Veterans Affairs
	Security and Public Administration	+82-2-788-4560 Public Administration, Local Autonomy, Local Finance (incl. tax), Police, Fire Fighting, Disaster Prevention & Management, Civic Group, State Administration (incl. conflict mediation), e-Government
Economy and Industry Research Office	Public Finance and Economy	+82-2-788-4570 Public Finance, Budget, Taxation (incl. tariff & tax in general), Economic Policy, Economy in General (incl. public procurement & statistics)
	Finance and Fair Trade	+82-2-788-4580 Banking, Insurance, Financial Investment, Financial Policy, Mutual Savings Bank, International Finance, Foreign Exchange, Credit Information, Fair Trade
	Industry and Resources	+82-2-788-4590 Industry in General, Industrial Policy, SME, Agriculture & Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock, Foods, Trade, Patent, Energy, Natural Resources
Society and Culture Research Office	Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs	+82-2-788-4600 Land Development, Urban Planning, Land, Housing, Construction, Water Resources, Transportation, Aviation, Railroad, Shipping & Port, Maritime Affairs, Logistics
	Education and Culture	+82-2-788-4700 Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Education, Lifelong Learning, Education Decentralization, Education Finance, Human Resource Development, Culture, Sports, Tourism
	Science, Media & Telecommunications	+82-2-788-4710 Science & Technology, Mass Communication, Telecommunication, New Media, Internet, Information Security, Information Technology
	Healthcare, Welfare, Family and Gender Equality	+82-2-788-4720 Healthcare, Medical Care, Social Welfare, Gender Equality, Family
Environment and Labor	+82-2-788-4730 Environment, Climate Change, Labor Market, Labor Relations	

Planning and Management Office

The Planning and Management Office is in charge of operational and working plans, organization and personnel management, and budget preparation and execution.

Divisions	Phone	Fields
General Affairs Division	+82-2-788-4510	Personnel, Accounting, General Affairs, Management, Pension, Welfare
Planning and Cooperation Division	+82-2-788-4520	Planning, Budget, Public Relations, Audit & Inspection, Training, Informatization, External Cooperation, Law & Regulation, Receipt of Research Requests



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