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Belgian government documents

INTRODUCTION

What follows is a selection only of the main categories of material. Always check the catalogues - for some of the titles mentioned, we have incomplete holdings.

Some other British Library holdings of Belgian government materials are recorded in Explore the British Library, our main catalogue [<http://explore.bl.uk/>]. However other material has to be traced through a range of manual records and indexes.



If you do not find what you are looking for in Explore the British Library, please contact the Enquiry Desk in the Social Sciences Reading Room, where expert staff will check further on your behalf.

For a complete listing of LSE holdings, use the Library catalogue [<https://catalogue.lse.ac.uk/>] use 'Quick search', choose 'Classmark browse' from the drop-down menu, enter '493' in the search box and press 'search'.

For material held by Oxford University Library Services, please consult the SOLO (Search Oxford Libraries Online) catalogue at [<http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>]

Please contact the Official Papers Section [http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/official_papers/contact] for further assistance.

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1. PARLIAMENTARY PUBLICATIONS

1.1 Official records

The Belgian Federal Parliament consists of two chambers: the *Chambre des Représentants* and the *Sénat*.

The *Chambre* alone is responsible for budgets, army quotas, naturalisation and laws relating to the responsibilities of federal ministers. The *Chambre* and the *Sénat* are jointly responsible for revision of the Constitution, legislation relating to the structure, workings and institutions of the state, and international treaties. For all other laws, the *Chambre* has the last word, the *Sénat* being a 'reflection assembly'. The *Sénat* may call up and examine bills (*projets de loi*) submitted to the *Chambre* and may propose amendments. It may also propose its own private members' bills to the *Chambre* (*propositions de loi*).

The activities of the legislative bodies are recorded in the **Annales Parlementaires** of the *Chambre* and the *Sénat* which contain the Debates. Parliamentary questions and answers are published in separate series entitled **Questions et Réponses**. Bills, reports and other Parliamentary papers appear in the **Documents Parlementaires**.

Annales parlementaires de Belgique / Parlementaire handelingen

BL holdings: 1844/45-1847/48

BL shelfmark: SA.37

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian: not held

Annales parlementaires : Chambre des Représentants/Parlementaire handelingen : Kamer

BL holdings: 1848-1991/92

BL shelfmark: S.37/2

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian: not held

Compte rendu intégral - Chambre des Représentants. Séance plénière

BL holdings: 2002/03-2005

BL shelfmark: SA.37/2

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian: not held

Compte rendu intégral - Chambre des Représentants. Commissions

BL holdings: 2002/03-2005

BL shelfmark: SA.37/2(1)

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian: not held

Official edition of full text of debates comprising speeches and oral questions and answers in the language of the speaker. There are annual indexes of subjects and personal names and lists of laws voted during the session with dates of their introduction, passage and publication.

Questions et réponses écrites: Chambre des représentants (formerly Questions et réponses)

BL holdings: 1953-1992/93; 2002/03- 2005
BL shelfmark: SA.38/17
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

Full text of written questions and answers are published in this separate weekly series, with annual indexes of names of ministries, names of questioners and ministries to which the questions were directed.

Documents parlementaires : Chambre des Représentants/Parlementaire stukken : Kamer (formerly Recueil des pièces imprimées par ordre de la Chambre des Représentants) (includes the Budget)

BL holdings: 1831-1991/92
BL shelfmark: SA.38
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

Contains bills, reports and other Parliamentary papers. The documents are numbered consecutively throughout the period of the legislature. There are author and subject indexes and numerical lists of documents per year and per legislative period.

Annales parlementaires : Sénat/Parlementaire handelingen : Senaat

BL holdings: 1848-1992/93
BL shelfmark: SA.37/3
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

Annales : Sénat. Séance plénière

BL holdings: 2002/03-2005
BL shelfmark: SA.37/3
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

Annales : Sénat. Commissions

BL holdings: 2002/03- 19/3/2003 only? (Aleph)
BL shelfmark: SA.37/3(1)
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

Questions et réponses: Sénat

BL holdings: 1953-1992/93; 2002/03- 2005
BL shelfmark: SA.39/4
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

Documents parlementaires : Sénat / Parlementaire stukken : Senaat (formerly Recueil des pièces imprimées par ordre du Sénat)

BL holdings: 1851-1984/85
BL shelfmark: SA.39
The Library, LSE: not held
Bodleian: not held

The landing page of the Belgian Parliament [<http://www.fed-parl.be/index.html>] gives access to the web sites of the two houses:

<http://www.senaat.be/> which includes the full text of the Constitution

<http://www.dekamer.be/kvvcr/index.cfm>

The **Annales** of the Chambre are available in full text. The summary reports of the debates (**Compte rendu analytique/Beknopt verslag**) are on offer as well as the full version (**Compte rendu intégral**). Written questions and answers (**Questions et réponses**), verbatim reports of committee meetings, and full text of the the sessional papers in French and Dutch (**Documents parlementaires de la Chambre**) are available from varying dates, some as far back as 1832. These can all be easily found by clicking on the Documents tab on the menu bar on the home page.

The papers and debates of the Sénat are also easy to locate. Questions and answers, full reports of debates (**Compte rendu intégral**), reports of committee meetings and legislative documents are available in full text from varying dates, some as far back as 1848.

2. LEGISLATION AND COURT REPORTS

Text of all laws and decrees, subsidiary legislation, constitutional amendments, and international agreements are published in the official gazette, the **Moniteur Belge/Belgisch Staatsblad**. It also includes appointments of government officials and employees, notices of positions vacant and selected court decisions. It is published Tuesday-Saturday, with annual chronological and subject indexes.

Moniteur Belge/Belgisch Staatsblad

BL holdings: 1831-1897; 1911-1992

BL shelfmark: OGB.120

IALS holdings: Jul-Dec. 2002

IALS classmark: FOL G06 E3

The Library, LSE holdings: 1939 - 1949

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS 493 (R26)

Bodleian holdings (i): t.1(1831)-t.6; t.11-t.27; (ii)1844/1845-1888; 1948-

Bodleian classmark (i): Bodley BOD Bookstack N. 23835 b.1; (ii) Bodley BOD Nuneham N. 23835 C.1

Moniteur Belge/Belgisch Staatsblad (microform)

BL holdings: 1992-2001

BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.747

IALS holdings: (i)1944-1974;1976-1983; (ii)1995-2001

IALS classmark: (i)FM16; (ii)FC34

For the British Library set, chronological and Subject indexes for the printed version are kept at the hard copy press mark. Monthly chronological, ministerial and subject indexes to the microfiche set are held at SPR.Mic.E.749, SPR.Mic.E.750 and SPR.Mic.E.748 respectively for the period Dec.1992-Nov.1996 only.

The Service Public Fédéral Justice website [http://www.just.fgov.be/index_fr.htm] gives access to the full text of the **Moniteur Belge** from June 1997. The Moniteur ceased to be produced in printed form with issue 412 of year 172, Dec. 31st 2002. From 2003 it

became available via the Internet only. The website also offers full text of consolidated legislation in force, bills (projets de loi), ministerial directives and case law.

In addition to the *Moniteur Belge*, there are a number of official and non-official compilations of laws. The Office of the *Moniteur Belge* offers an unannotated selective compilation, most recently entitled **Recueil des lois, décrets, ordonnances et règlements**.

Recueil des lois, décrets, ordonnances et règlements / Verzameling der wetten, decreten en besluiten (title varies)

BL holdings: 1845-1993

BL shelfmark: SA.35/11

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian: not held

The most widely used compilation in French is the semi-official **Pasinomie** which first appeared in 1788. The title is current at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library at shelfmark GO.6.E.2 and their set is complete from 1788.

Pasinomie

BL holdings: 1788-1989

BL shelfmark: PP.1372

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian holdings: Table, 1788/1814-1871/80; 1e sér., tom. 1-4e sér., tom. 26; 6e sér., année 1946-

Bodleian classmark: LawLib LAW Main Libr Belgium 020

The **Codes Larcier** (Larcier codes of law) consist of seven volumes with an unnumbered volume of general indexes:

- Vol. 1 covers Droit civil et judiciaire,
- Vol. 2, Droit pénal,
- Vol. 3, Droit commercial, économique et financier,
- Vol. 4, Droit social,
- Vol. 5, Droit fiscal,
- Vol. 6, Droit public et administratif,
- Vol. 7, Droit de l'environnement.

Up to date and archival versions of the **Codes Larcier** are currently held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library and at the Bodleian at LAW Main Libr Belgium 030 L319. A comparable loose-leaf publication is the **Codes Belges** (formerly **Les codes et les lois spéciales les plus usuelles en vigueur en Belgique**) held at the British Library from 1947-1995 at 5696.d.14.

Most court decisions in Belgium are published by non-official publishers. The most widely used compilation of court reports is the **Pasicrisie: recueil général de la jurisprudence**.

Pasicrisie: recueil général de la jurisprudence

BL holdings: 1791-1990

BL shelfmark: PP.1373

IALS holdings: 1814/15-

IALS classmark: GO6.G.1

Bodleian holdings: 2e ser., 1814-1840, v.1-16; 3e sér., 1841-64, v. 1-48; 1865-
Bodleian classmark: LawLib LAW Main Libr Belgium 100 P15

3. BUDGET

Recueil des budgets Belgique

BL holdings: not held

LSE holdings: 1884; 1951 - 1979

LSE classmark: GOVT.PUBS. 493 (R54)

Bodleian: not held

Budget documentation is also found in the **Documents Parlementaires** of the Chambre de Représentants.

4. OFFICIAL ALMANACS AND YEARBOOKS

Annuaire administratif et judiciaire de Belgique / Administratief en gerechtelijk jaarboek voor België

BL holdings: 1873; 1956-

BL shelfmark: (i) Earlier issues: PP.2420.e; (ii) Current issue: OPL. 949.30061

LSE holdings: 1970/71- (incomplete)

LSE classmark: MAIN COLLECTION JN6105

Bodleian: not held

This directory lists members of the royal family, diplomatic corps, parliament, officials of the executive and judicial branches of government, and officials of the regions and communities, etc.

Belgian Federal Government Online

<http://www.belgium.be/fr/>

This useful site provides an introduction to Belgium and links to federal, regional and community government web sites

5. FEDERAL DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

As regards the Library, London School of Economics and Political Science, these have been acquired selectively and may be traced via the Library catalogue since 1979 [<https://catalogue.lse.ac.uk/>]. Similarly, British Library holdings can be traced via the Explore the British Library [<http://explore.bl.uk/>] or by contacting the Enquiry Desk in the Social Sciences Reading Room (see 'Further information' below). Bodleian Library holdings can be traced in their catalogue [<http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>]

6. STATE PUBLICATIONS

Very little has been taken from the provincial and municipal bodies. Search the Libraries' catalogues to see what is held:

Explore the British Library: [<http://explore.bl.uk/>].
LSE Library catalogue: <https://catalogue.lse.ac.uk/>
Oxford University Libraries Catalogue: [<http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>]

7. NATIONAL BANK PUBLICATIONS

Banque National de Belgique

The web site at <http://www.bnb.be/> offers free access to a wealth of economic and financial data through its **BelgoStat** [<http://www.nbb.be/belgostat>] online service. There is also full text access to the **Rapport annuel** from 1851 in French and from 1951 in English and to **Belgian Prime News** from December 2000. This English language publication provides forecasts of the movement of the main economic indicators for Belgium, and a description of the most important economic developments. The **Revue économique** is available from 1999 in English and from 1926 in French. It provides news on major economic, financial and monetary developments.

For printed output:

Rapport annuel

BL holdings: 1955- 1999(English version)

BL shelfmark: SA.9/9(2)

The Library, LSE holdings: 1899-

The Library, LSE classmark: MAIN COLLECTION HG3106

Bodleian holdings: 1931-1939, 1951, 1961-

Bodleian classmark: SocSci SSL Main Lib HA1391.BAN.1

Bodleian holdings: Annual report of the National Bank of Belgium (electronic) 1998-

Bodleian classmark: NetRes NET Resources Electronic resource via the World Wide Web

Revue économique de la Banque Nationale de Belgique

BL holdings: not held

The Library, LSE holdings: 1995-

The Library, LSE classmark: MAIN COLLECTION HC311

Bodleian: not held

Bulletin statistique de la Banque Nationale de Belgique

BL holdings: not held

The Library, LSE holdings: 1971-

The Library, LSE classmark: MAIN COLLECTION HC311

Bodleian holdings: 1971: no.1-1995: no.12

Bodleian classmark: SocSci SSL RollStack HA1391.BAN.2

Bulletin d'information et de documentation

BL holdings: 1928-1970

BL shelfmark: SA.9/2

The Library, LSE holdings: 1926 - 1970

The Library, LSE classmark: MAIN COLLECTION HC311

Bodleian: not held

9. WEBSITES

This is a **selective** list of useful sites.

9.1 Government departments

Federal Government portal

<http://www.belgium.be/en/>

Belgium.be is the official guide to information about the Belgian government, to themes of interest to the public and to other information about Belgium. It provides general background information and links to federal, regional and community web sites.

9.2 Prime Minister

Prime Minister's website

<http://www.premier.fgov.be/>

9.3 Parliament

Chamber of Representatives

<http://www.dekamer.be/kvvcr/index.cfm?language=fr>

This website provides information on the members, organization and workings of the Chamber. The Annales of the Chambre are available here in full text. The summary reports of the debates (Compte rendu analytique) are on offer as well as the full version (Compte rendu intégral). Written questions and answers (Questions et réponses), verbatim reports of committee meetings, and full text of the the sessional papers in French and Dutch (Documents parlementaires de la Chambre) are available from varying dates, some as far back as 1832. These can all be easily found by clicking on the Documents tab on the menu bar on the home page.

Senate

<http://www.senate.be/>

The papers and debates of the Sénat are also easy to locate. Questions and answers, full reports of debates (Comptes rendus intégrals), reports of committee meetings and legislative documents are available in full text from varying dates, some as far back as 1848.

9.4 National Bank

National Bank of Belgium

<http://www.bnb.be/>

9.5 Statistical materials

Statbel (Statistics Belgium Online) [<http://www.statbel.fgov.be/>] gives access to a wealth of high level statistical data on economics, population, energy, environment, labour, etc.

9.6 Local contacts

Belgian Embassy in London

http://countries.diplomatie.belgium.be/en/united_kingdom/

10. STATISTICS

10.1 Statistical yearbooks

Annuaire statistique de la Belgique/ Statistisch jaarboek

BL holdings: 1870-1995

BL shelfmark: (i) Current issue: OPL. 949.300212; (ii) Earlier issues: SA.19/6

The Library, LSE holdings: 1895-

The Library, LSE classmark: (i) STATISTICS 493 (HA155); (ii) HISTORICAL STATISTICS 493 (HA155)

This title contains a wide range of demographic, social and economic information about Belgium.

Annuaire des statistiques régionales

BL holdings: 1977-1999

BL shelfmark: SA.105/29

The Library, LSE holdings: 1976-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA155)

10.2 Other Statistical material

Statistiques démographiques from 2001 continued as: **Population et ménages**

BL holdings: 1969-2000

BL shelfmark: SA.19/72

The Library, LSE holdings: 1969-2000

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Population et ménages : mortalité

BL holdings: 1995-2002

BL shelfmark: SA.105/169

The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Population et ménages : population totale en Belge

BL holdings: 2001-2007

BL shelfmark: SA.105/170

The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Population et ménages : population étrangère

BL holdings: 2001-2008

BL shelfmark: SA.105/167

The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Population et ménages : mariages et divorces

BL holdings: 2000-2002

BL shelfmark: SA.105/174

The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Population et ménages : mouvements de la population et migration

BL holdings: 2001-2003

BL shelfmark: OPJ.9.x.12

The Library, LSE holdings: 2000-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Population et ménages : ménages et noyaux familiaux

BL holdings: 2001-2004

BL shelfmark: SA.19/72

The Library, LSE holdings: 2003-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA161)

Statistiques judiciaires/ Gerechtelijke statistieken

BL holdings: 1955-1999 (incomplete)

BL shelfmark: SA.19/29

The Library, LSE holdings: 1955-

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBLS. 493 (R94)

Statistiques agricoles / Landbouwstatistieken

BL holdings: not held

The Library, LSE holdings: 1969-

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBLS. 436 (R118)

Cahier de la Cour des Comptes (formerly Observations de la Cour des Comptes)

BL holdings: 1922-1991

BL shelfmark: SA.38/7

The Library, LSE holdings: 1830; 1833-1882; 1939- (incomplete)

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT.PUBLS. 493 (R33)

Situation générale du trésor

BL holdings: (i) 1834-1914; (ii) 1923-39

BL shelfmark: (i) SA.38;

The Library, LSE holdings: 1852- (incomplete)

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT.PUBLS. 493 (R28)

Statistiques financières/Financieel statistieken

(From 2001, continued as **Finances**)

BL holdings: 1972-2000

BL shelfmark: SA.115/37

The Library, LSE holdings: 1972-

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA401) and GOVT.PUBLS. 493 (R129)

Finances: crédit à la consommation

BL holdings: 2001-2002
BL shelfmark: SA.105/166
The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA401)

Finances: ventes de biens immobiliers

BL holdings: 2000-2003
BL shelfmark: SA.105/164
The Library, LSE holdings: 2000-
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA311)

Finances: indices et prix à la consommation

BL holdings: 2000-2004
BL shelfmark: SA.105/173
The Library, LSE holdings: 2000-
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA411)

Annuaire statistique de la santé publique

BL holdings: 1954-1986/87
BL shelfmark: SA.19/32
The Library, LSE holdings: 1950-
The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT.PUBS.493 (R87)

Statistiques sociales/Sociale statistieken

BL holdings: 1970-2000
BL shelfmark: SA.19/74
The Library, LSE holdings: 1970-
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA401) and GOVT.PUBS. 493 (R119)

Statistiques du commerce intérieur et des transports

BL holdings: 1985-2000
BL shelfmark: SA.105/126
The Library, LSE holdings: 1985-2000
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA211)

Commerce intérieur: compendium

BL holdings: 2001-
BL shelfmark: SA.105/175
The Library, LSE holdings: 2001
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA211)

Transport: statistiques mensuelles

BL holdings: 2001-2011
BL shelfmark: SA.105/171
The Library, LSE holdings: not held

Statistiques industrielles

BL holdings: 1967-2000
BL shelfmark: SA.19/60

The Library, LSE holdings: 1967-2000
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA251)

Statistiques de la construction et du logement

BL holdings: not held
The Library, LSE holdings: 1974-1999
The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT.PUBS. 493 (R140)

Industrie et construction: production industrielle: prodcom

BL holdings: 2001-2003
BL shelfmark: SA.105/172
The Library, LSE holdings: not held

Industrie et construction: production industrielle et construction

BL holdings: 2001-2004
BL shelfmark: SA.105/165
The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA251)

Industrie et construction: construction et logement

BL holdings: 1999/2000
BL shelfmark: SA.105/176
The Library, LSE holdings: 2001-
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (HA311)

Union Économique Belgo-Luxembourgeoise.

Bulletin mensuel du commerce avec les pays étrangers (Title varies)

BL holdings: 1932-1949
BL shelfmark: SA.19/13
The Library, LSE holdings: 1929-1939; 1948-1949
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (R13)

Bulletin mensuel du commerce extérieur de l'Union Économique Belgo-Luxembourgeoise

BL holdings: 1950-1983
BL shelfmark: SA.19/13
The Library, LSE holdings: 1950-1983
The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 493 (R13)

Statistiques du commerce extérieur de l'union économique Belgo-Luxembourgeoise

BL holdings: 1984-1993
BL shelfmark: SA.105/123
The Library LSE holdings: 1995-1998
The Library LES classmark: BEN(HA201)

10.3 Web sites

<http://www.statbel.fgov.be/> **Statbel** (Statistics Belgium online)

Provides free access to a wealth of high level statistical data from the mid-1990s and a

publications list.

<http://economie.fgov.be/en/>

Produced by the Federal Public Service Economy, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy, this is the largest bank of socio-economic statistics in Belgium.

<http://www.nbb.be/pub/stats/stats.htm?l=en&tab=Figures> **BelgoStat**

This online database offers statistical and financial data from the National Bank.

10.4 Censuses

BL holdings: 1846-2001

BL shelfmark: 1846: SA.18; 1856: SA.18/2; 1866: SA.18/3; 1890: SA.18/4; 1900: SA.18/10; 1910: SA.18/6; 1920: SA.18/7; 1930: SA.18/8; 1961: SA.18/15; 1970: SA.105/153;

1981: SA.105/119;

<http://statbel.fgov.be/fr/statistiques/chiffres/population/recensement/1981/>

1991: SA.105/152;

<http://statbel.fgov.be/fr/statistiques/chiffres/population/recensement/1991/>

2001: Enquête socio-économique générale 2001

<http://statbel.fgov.be/fr/statistiques/chiffres/population/recensement/2001/>

The Library, LSE holdings: (i) 1890 – 1971 (ii) 1981-

The Library, LSE classmarks: (i) HISTORICAL STATISTICS 436 (HA161); (ii) STATISTICS 436 (HA161)

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact:

social-sciences@bl.uk for British Library holdings

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