

AIP'S "Parli Pro" Fact of the Week: Parliamentary Inquiry

VS

Request for Information

Parliamentary inquiries and requests for information have different uses but are often (mistakenly) considered as synonymous. Use the guide below to explore which one you should use.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

- Question related to parliamentary procedure
- Must be addressed to the chair, who will answer
- Can be used as a more subtle way to introduce a Call for the Orders of the Day or Point of Order

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- Question related to facts
- Must be addressed to the chair, who will answer and may redirect someone else
- Cannot be used to make a rhetorical question