



How well does Parliament perform its scrutiny function?

What is the convention of individual ministerial responsibility?	
How are ministers held accountable during parliamentary debates?	
What is Question Time? Which MPs get to ask questions?	
Why is it arguable that oral questions are more about partisan point scoring than effective scrutiny?	
What are topical questions? How have they improved QT?	
What is Prime Minister's Questions? What are its strengths and limitations?	
What are urgent questions? How has their use changed in recent years?	
How are oral questions different in the House of Lords?	
How do written questions work? What are their advantages over oral questions?	



What are Departmental Select Committees?	
How, and why, did the Commons reform the selection process for select committee chairs and members in 2010?	
What functions are performed by select committees?	
What powers do select committees have? What are the limits to these powers?	
How influential are select committee reports? What factors give them influence? What are their limitations?	
What is the Public Accounts Committee?	
What is the Liaison Committee?	
How are select committees different in the House of Lords?	