

Parliamentary Library wins national innovation award

The Australian Parliamentary Library has won the 2005 Australian Government Libraries Information Network (AGLIN) National Innovation Award for its electronic media monitoring system (EMMS).

The independent panel of judges assessed the library's monitoring system as the most innovative, based on a set of criteria that included contribution to delivery of organisational outcomes in terms of core business, and the achievement of business capability improvements including dollars saved, organisation improvement, service improvement and customer satisfaction.

The EMMS allows federal parliamentarians to browse, search and view television and radio news and current affairs programs on their desktop PCs. The items are recorded in Canberra by Parliamentary

Library staff and published on the EMMS website for access by Senators, Members and their staff both in Parliament House and in their electorate offices.

The system records 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so that any items not scheduled to be automatically published to the website can be retrieved and published on request. In addition, the system captures closed captions for television items, allowing the text of items to be searched and retrieved.

The award was presented to the Parliamentary Library at the AGLIN conference dinner in Canberra on 12 July.

More information on the system is available at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/online2005/papers/b12.pdf>.

Catherine Gilbert, manager, Policy & Projects, Information Systems and Web Services, Parliamentary Library

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To find out more, contact Jill Yvanovich by e-mail cpd@alia.org.au or phone 02 6215 8258. ■

Judith Washington OAM

ALIA congratulates Judith Washington who received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday honours list.

An ALIA member for 17 years, Judith received her award for service to librarianship, especially in the area of local history and archives, and to the community, through the conservation and preservation of local history material.

Judith was employed for 22 years as Lane Cove Council's manager of local history and archives and was responsible for initiating a local history monograph series, now numbering 18 titles. ■

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