



**NARS**



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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 "Capable 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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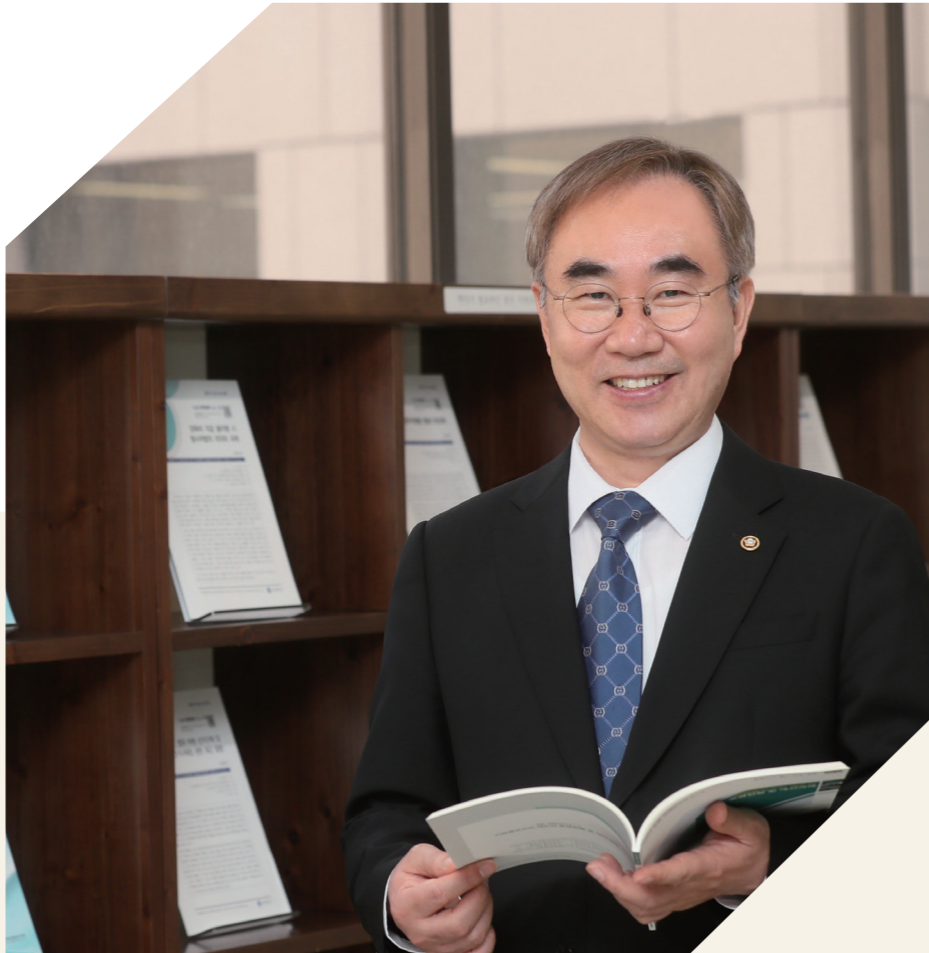
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**"We promise to become the trusted legislative think tank by maintaining non-partisanship."**

## 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 capabilities and expertise.

Promoting professionalism and non-partisanship as its foundational values, NARS has been providing high-quality legislative and policy analysis services based on the diverse experience and capabilities of professionals in each legislative area.

NARS has made concerted efforts to ensure the National Assembly is able to fulfill its responsibilities as a representative body of the people.

As part of efforts to help the National Assembly become an even more capable legislative body, we promise to become the trusted legislative think tank of the legislative branch and will faithfully perform our duties.

We ask for your continued support and interest in NARS.  
Thank you.

**Kim Ha Joong**  
Chief of the National Assembly Research Service

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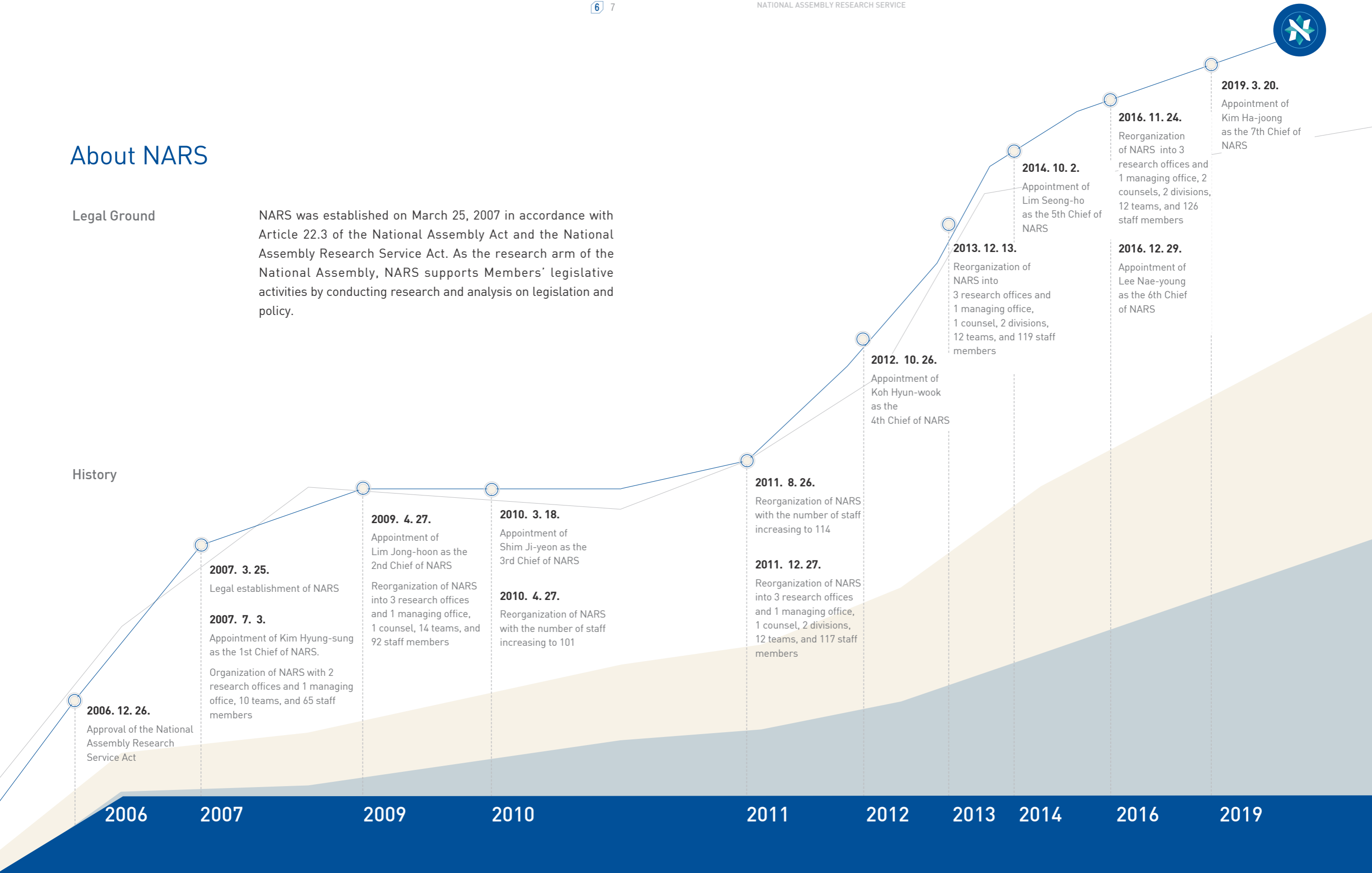


# About NARS

## Legal Ground

NARS was established on March 25, 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





### 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 of the national Assembly

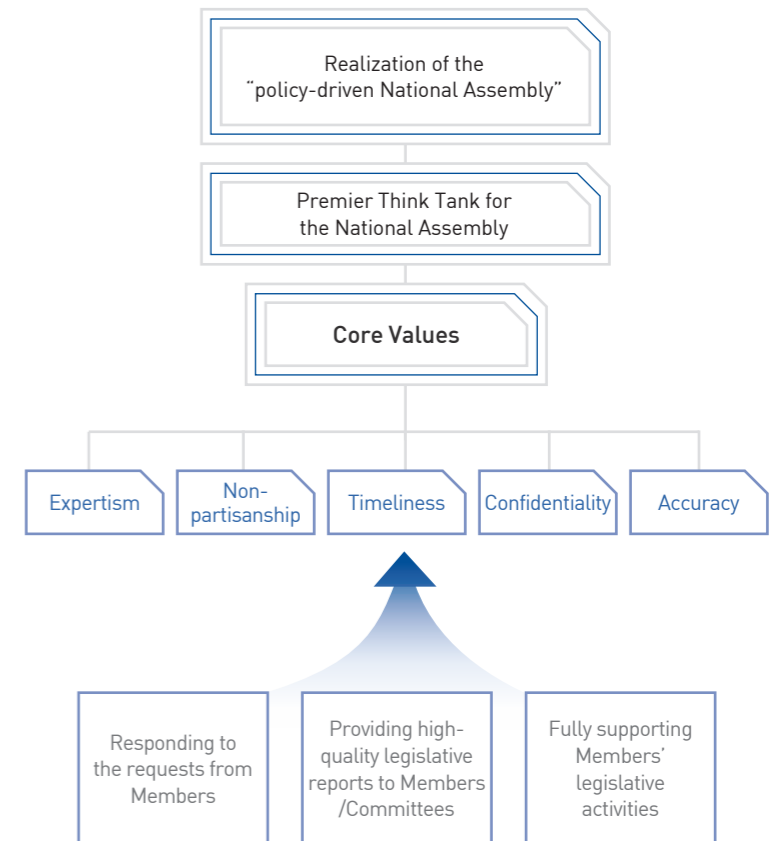
Undertake research on legislative and policy issues

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

### Legislative Research and Analysis

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

#### Prompt service

- Process requests within 10 working days
- Provide concise and pertinent research outcomes
- Conduct on-phone 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 customized legislative research service

#### Maintenance of strict confidentiality

- Ensure confidentiality regarding research inquiries and outcomes

### Working procedure of NARS

#### Submission of Request Form

Members / committees of the National Assembly submit research request via the website of the National Assembly Legislative Support(also telephone or fax)

#### Registration and Classification

Planning and Cooperation Division registers and classifies the request form

#### Response to Members/ Committees' Request

Provide research output to Members /committees through on-line, in-person visits, and other means

#### Research and Analysis

Designated research office or team conducts research and analysis on the inquiry

#### Respond to and Address Feedback through Satisfaction Survey

Work with outside experts to conduct satisfaction survey and improve services

### 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.



#### Report on Legislation of Policy Studies

Comprehensive and in-depth report which analyzes and evaluates major legislative and policy issues.



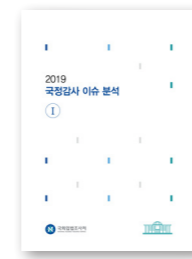
#### Legislative Impact Analysis

Report predicting, analyzing, and assessing the direct and indirect impact of legislative bills and laws on a national, societal and individual level in a scientific and systematic way.



#### Statistical Briefings

Report on statistics and indicators related to legislation and policy issues to evaluate their legislative implications.



#### 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 and to check if corrections are reflected on government administration.



#### Issues and Perspectives

Information newsletter on current trends and issues that will likely affect Korean politics, economy and society. This report provides an overview of the issues and analyzes key issues and proposes legislative improvements.



#### NARS Current Issues and Analysis

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



#### Legislation and Policy Studies

Registered academic journal with in-depth papers on legislation and policies published every April, August and December.

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



## 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.
- 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.
  - Assist review or selection of 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 application form to relevant team no more than 30 days prior to the seminar day



### Screening and selection criteria

- Compliance with
  - a) application requirement
  - b) NARS core values
- Significance and urgency of the issue



### Preparation for hosting

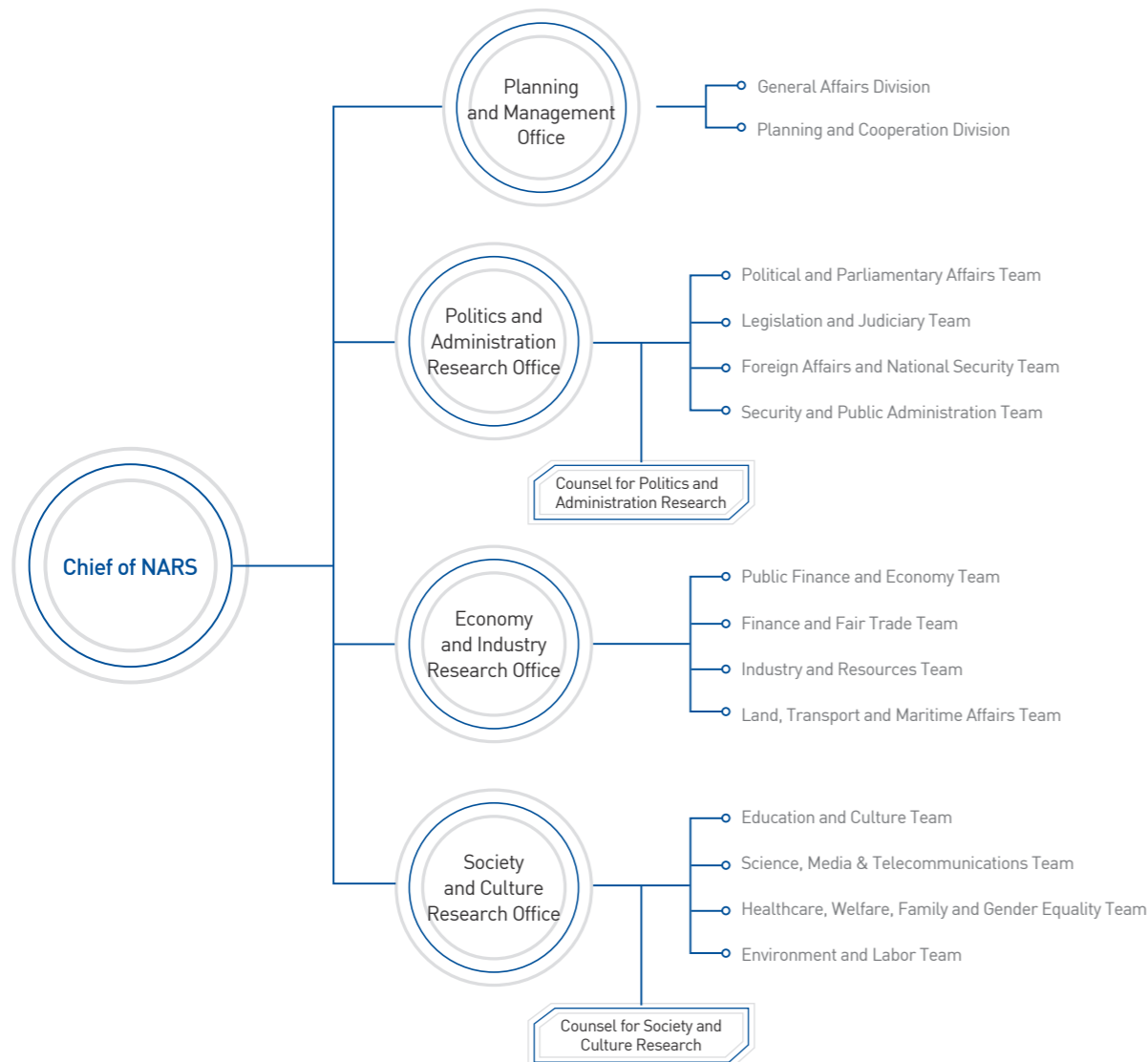
- Discuss details about seminar [e.g. sharing expenses]





# 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
	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
Society and Culture Research Office	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