

## **Message from the Secretary**

Committees all around the world are considered the 'eyes and ears' of the Parliament; much of the business of the House is dealt by the Committees. The Senate of Pakistan has an efficient Committee System which has helped establish traditions of refining legislation and oversight of the executive by the Parliament.

Senate has introduced a number of reforms and taken new initiatives during the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani and incumbent administrative leadership. Connecting Parliament with people and bringing transparency are most important guiding principles and goals of the initiatives and reforms. Under these, timely and detailed information about business transacted by House through web-publishing of every sitting journals, session journals and parliamentary year Report to People are important publications.

Through this publication, Senate of Pakistan has taken yet another initiative to publish the annual 'Senate Committees' Journal' for the period (12<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017) covering all information about Committees and their work. This is an attempt to present, in a consolidated form, the activities of the Committees of the Upper House of Parliament of Pakistan which consist of Standing Committees, Functional Committees, Other Committees as well as Special and Select Committees being administered by the Senate Secretariat. The Committee's Journal encompasses details of Committees work that has been conducted during the Parliamentary Year (2016-17).

For all the hard work that has been done for collection, compilation and formatting of the Journal, I appreciate the efforts of the whole Committee Wing of Senate Secretariat and especially Mr. Asim Khan Goraya, Joint Secretary, Committees and his staff.

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