

What are parliamentary committees?

Cloze Passage

Read through the following passage and select the word or phrase from the table that best fits in each space. You can use each word or phrase only once.

Parliamentary Committees are small groups of Members of Parliament who work together to examine or (1) the government's plans and activities.

Committees make (2) to Parliament about how to improve or fix issues in a document called a (3).

Committees look at (4) or proposals to make new laws and change existing laws. Committees consider how proposed laws might affect everyday (5).

Parliamentary Committees (6) and safeguard our democracy.

Queensland Parliament is (7), which means it only has one chamber. Without an upper house to monitor the Legislative Assembly, the work of committees is very important as a check on the activities of the government.

Committees look at lots of issues that can impact your life, like law and order, science, technology, (8) and the environment.

If you are interested in an issue that is being investigated, you can make a (9) to the committee. The committee might ask you to (10) a hearing to give evidence.

Hearings are held all over the (11). (12) is welcome to attend to watch and listen.