



Government

The party with the most members elected to the Legislative Assembly (the majority). This group has control of the parliament. The government includes the Premier, Ministers and backbenchers.

Opposition

The largest non-government party in the Legislative Assembly. This group has the task of holding the government to account for its actions.

Minor Parties

Parties with smaller numbers in the parliament. For example, The Greens.

Independents

Members who have been elected to parliament but do not belong to any political party.

Hansard

The people who make the record of what is said in parliament - called the Record of Proceedings. They are highly trained specialist reporters and can type 200 words per minute!

Mace

Originally a weapon, this is a special ceremonial rod with a crown at the top. It is carried into Parliament by the Serjeant-at-Arms and placed on the Table of the House – with the crown of the mace sitting facing the government.

Speaker

The Presiding Officer of Queensland Parliament. This person makes sure parliamentary sittings run smoothly and that the members follow the rules when in the Chamber. They let Members know when it's their turn to speak or when their time to speak has run out. The Speaker also disciplines anyone who misbehaves!

Clerk

A person who provides advice to the Speaker and Members on the rules of the Parliament.

Premier

Leader of the government (the majority).

Leader of the House

A Member of the government who decides the order of items of parliamentary business. They also submit points of order on behalf of the Government.

Leader of the Opposition

Leader of the largest non-government party in the Legislative Assembly.

Manager of Opposition Business

A Member of the Opposition who submits points of order on behalf of the Opposition.