

Queensland's System of Government

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.

makes	Victoria	constitution	two
United Kingdom	Premier	Monarchy	Parliament
arms	Westminster System	legislative assembly	Executive
New South Wales	Governor	one	administer
Parliament	adjudicate	Cabinet	Executive
Westminster	Cabinet	Premier	Collective
referendum	Responsible Government	Parliament	Executive

On the 6th June 1859 Queen ⁽¹⁾ _____ granted permission for Queensland to be established as a separate colony from ⁽²⁾ _____. Our newly formed colony was given a ⁽³⁾ _____ which set out the three key institutions that still run our state today: The ⁽⁴⁾ _____, the ⁽⁵⁾ _____ and the Judiciary.

The Queensland system of government is a Constitutional ⁽⁶⁾ _____ modelled on the system used in the ⁽⁷⁾ _____ known as the ⁽⁸⁾ _____. The Westminster System is used in all of the states in Australia, as well as in lots of other countries. Westminster democracies are not identical. In Queensland, we only have ⁽⁹⁾ _____ house of parliament while all the other states have ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____. However, there are things are common to all Westminster systems that we can see in Queensland.

In Westminster systems there are three parts of government sometimes called ⁽¹¹⁾ _____. A Parliament who ⁽¹²⁾ _____ laws sometimes called the legislature. In Queensland, this is the 93 members of the ⁽¹³⁾ _____ and the ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____. The next branch is the Executive who ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ laws. This group is often referred to as the Government and in Queensland is the Governor, the ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____ and ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____ Ministers who are in charge of

departments or portfolios. And finally, there is the Judiciary who _____ over the law.
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One of the main differences between the Westminster system and other forms of government around the world is that ministers who are part of the _____ are also part of
(19)
the _____.
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These minister are responsible to Parliament. This is sometimes called
_____. What does that mean? Well, our ministers, including
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the _____, are responsible to the parliament for their work. Because the Executives sit in
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the same room as the other Members of Parliament they are able to be questioned about their
actions. This helps the
_____ hold the _____ to account.
(23) (24)

Most of the rules for how these institutions operate are in the constitutional legislation. You might have already known that Queensland has a constitution but there are a few things about our state's constitution that you might not know. For example, in most cases our state Parliament can change the constitution by simply passing laws, unlike the Australian constitution where there needs to be a _____ to make a change. Another thing that you might not
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know is that some of the central features of Queensland's system of government are not actually written in the constitution but are based on customs and conventions that come from
_____. For instance, once the Ministers in the Government have made a decision
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in _____ then they all need to support the decision and be responsible for, it even if they
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disagree in private. The convention is called _____ Responsibility.
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