



QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

VIRTUAL

TOUR PROGRAM

Queensland Parliament only has one Chamber (or house), called the Legislative Assembly. Soon, you'll be going to (virtually) step inside this important place and discover how it all works.

To help you get the most out of your adventure, complete this worksheet. It'll help you spot cool things and ask great questions!



ACTIVITY 1

Look at this photo—what do you see, think, and wonder? What stories might this room tell you about how decisions are made for our State.

Use the table on the next page to organise your ideas.



Legislative Assembly Chamber, 2018. Queensland Parliamentary Service Collection.

SEE.

- I see...a feature or object
- I observe...a colour or shape
- I recognise...a symbol or icon

THINK.

- I think this means...
- I believe that...
- This suggests to me...
- It appears that...
- I interpret this as...

WONDER.

- I'm curious about...
- What is the significance of...
- I wonder why...
- Why did...

I see lots of seats.

This suggest to me
that lots of people
make up Queensland
Parliament.

I'm curious about *who*
sits where?



ACTIVITY 2

The Queensland Parliament has many functions (or jobs).

One of these is that the people who sit in Parliament (called Members of Parliament or MPs) represent the people who vote for them. **We call this representative democracy.**

1.

Go to the *Electoral Commission of Queensland* website. Find out which electorate your school is in.



Website: ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/where-is-my-electorate



2.

Go to the *Queensland Parliament* website. Find out who represents that electorate.



Website: parliament.qld.gov.au/Members



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- Does your MP have any extra roles?
- What political party (if any) does your MP belong to?
- Can you find out if your MP is part of the government, the opposition, or neither?



ACTIVITY 3

Another important job of the Queensland Parliament is making law. **A draft law is called a Bill.**

Now, imagine you are an MP.

THINK

If you could make one big change to help all Queensland schools, what would it be?

SHARE

Share your idea with the class.

VOTE

As a class, vote on these ideas to choose one. How will it make Queensland schools better?