

What is Parliament?

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.

majority government	Member of Parliament	amended	Question Time
four	Premier	account	representatives
obligation	government	minority government	community

Queensland state elections happen every _____ years in October. After the state election, the elected _____ are said to have a 'seat' in the Parliament. Each _____ has an office in their electorate where people can visit to raise issues and voice their concerns. The 'MPs' have an _____ to represent the interests of the people of their electorate.

The political party with the support of the majority of seats will form the _____. Sometimes a political party will have more than half the seats and be able to form the government by itself - this is called a _____. If no party has more than half of the seats, then they may need to cooperate with another party, or independent members, to form the Government - this is called a _____.

The leader of the party that forms government becomes the _____. Everyone in Parliament has an important job. Members who aren't ministers must check on the government's policy and actions and hold them to _____. This might happen at _____ or through Parliamentary Committees.

Parliament is a place where our representatives can examine current issues and talk about grievances on behalf of the _____. It is also where laws are made and _____. The Queensland Parliament makes laws about lots of things, including education, health, justice and roads.