

What is Parliament?

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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.

Queensland state elections happen every (1) years in October. After the state election, the elected (2) are said to have a 'seat' in the Parliament. Each (3) has an office in their electorate where people can visit to raise issues and voice their concerns. The 'MPs' have an (4) to represent the interests of the people of their electorate.

The political party with the support of the majority of seats will form the (5). Sometimes a political party will have more than half the seats and be able to form the government by itself - this is called a (6). 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 (7).

The leader of the party that forms government becomes the (8). 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 (9) (10). This might happen at (9) or through Parliamentary Committees.

Parliament is a place where our representatives can examine current issues and talk about grievances on behalf of the (11). It is also where laws are made and (12). The Queensland Parliament makes laws about lots of things, including education, health, justice and roads.