

## What are Parliamentary Committees? Teacher Support Sheet

### Overview

This video introduces Parliamentary committees and outlines their role and importance in Queensland Parliament. This resource would suit students beginning to learn about Parliamentary Committees in Queensland and offers various jumping off points to new inquiry areas.

#### Key vocabulary

- Committee
- Evidence
- Hearing
- Inquiry
- Scrutiny
- Submission
- Unicameral

### Teaching Resources

-  [What are Parliamentary Committees?](#)  
*Cloze passage - print worksheet*
-  [Committee Role Play](#)  
*Teacher information sheet*
-  [Extending School Hours Inquiry Script](#)  
*Role play*
-  [Topic Template Script](#)  
*Role play*
-  [Additional Roles](#)  
*Role-play*
-  [Committee Report](#)  
*Interactive worksheet\**
-  [Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill](#)  
*Lesson sequence*
-  [Quizlet - What are Parliamentary Committees?](#)  
*Vocabulary list*

\*Please note - interactive worksheets should be downloaded and saved to a desktop for optimal use. Interactive features are not compatible on mobile devices.

### Ideas for Learning Activities

Suggested activities	AC code	AC content descriptor
<b>The role of parliamentary committees</b> Explore the role of parliamentary committees and the ability of citizens to make submissions to these committees.	<a href="#">ACHASSK146</a>	Where ideas for new laws can come from and how they become law.
<b>Mock parliamentary committee</b> Simulate a mock parliamentary committee hearing in class using the <a href="#">Parliamentary Committee Hearing Role Play resource</a> . Use a real or simulated bill for students to debate. Access bills currently before the House on the Parliament's website <a href="#">here</a> .	<a href="#">ACHCS072</a> <a href="#">ACHCS058</a> <a href="#">ACHCS100</a>	Use democratic processes to reach consensus on a course of action relating to a civics or citizenship issue and plan for that action.
<b>Prepare a statement to a parliamentary committee</b> Separate students into different stakeholder groups covering a wide range of perspectives and have them prepare statements to a Parliamentary Committee. Each statement should include why the group is presenting a submission and their perspective. For a ready to use alternative, download the <a href="#">Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill lesson sequence</a> .	<a href="#">ACHCK079</a>  <a href="#">ACHCS098</a>	How and why individuals and groups, including religious groups, participate in and contribute to civic life.  Account for different interpretations and points of view.

#### Further material

[QLD Committees homepage](#)

[Current QLD Parliamentary Committees](#)

[PEO Parliamentary Committees - Video](#)

[PEO Committees - Role Play](#)

[QLD Parliamentary Committees](#)

[QLD Parliamentary reform and modernisation initiatives](#)

[QLD Estimates Process](#)

[PEO Committees](#)