



State government

What is our state Parliament?

Instructions:

The Story below contains a number of blanks. You must fill in these blanks to complete the story.

Western Australia was first occupied by _____ people. They had unwritten laws and customs government their society and how their land was used. Major decisions were often made by a council of elders.

Various European explorers visited Western Australia from time to time, but it was people from _____ who established the _____ River Colony in 18____. They adopted the British system of government which was a _____ Monarchy. In this form of government a _____ or a _____ is the Head of State.

Western Australia developed as a _____ of Britain. Some aspects of the early colonial system remain.

Today the British _____ is still the Head of State for both Western Australia and for the Commonwealth of Australia. His or her representative in Western Australia is called the _____. All bills of Parliament must be approved by this person before they become _____.

The electors of Western Australia choose men and women to represent them in a _____. Here they make decisions about how the community should be organised and managed. The electors vote for members of the Lower House called the _____, and for members of the Upper House called the _____. The Lower House was established in Western Australia in _____. The Upper House was established in _____.

The party or coalition of parties which wins the most seats in the Legislative Assembly forms the Government, and its members pick a leader who is known as the _____ or Head of Government.

The Head of the Government selects a number of Ministers, and together they form the _____. Some examples of portfolio areas which these Ministers are responsible for are:

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There are _____ Members of the Lower House and _____ Members in the Upper House.

In the Lower House a single Member represents an electoral _____. The Members are elected using a system called _____ voting.

In the Upper House, 6 Members represent each electoral _____. The Members are elected using a system of voting called _____ representation.

The Parliament House is located in _____, the capital city of Western Australia.

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Various European explorers visited Western Australia from time to time, but it was people from Britain who established the Swan River Colony in 1829. They adopted the British system of government which was a constitutional Monarchy. In this form of government a King or a Queen is the Head of State.

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Today the British monarch is still the Head of State for both Western Australia and for the Commonwealth of Australia. His or her representative in Western Australia is called the Governor. All bills of Parliament must be approved by this person before they become enacted.

The electors of Western Australia choose men and women to represent them in a Parliament. Here they make decisions about how the community should be organised and managed. The electors vote for members of the Lower House called the Legislative Assembly, and for members of the Upper House called the Legislative Council. The Lower House was established in Western Australia in 1893. The Upper House was established in 1832.

The party or coalition of parties which wins the most seats in the Legislative Assembly forms the Government, and its members pick a leader who is known as the Premier or Head of Government.

The Head of the Government selects a number of Ministers, and together they form the Cabinet. Some examples of portfolio areas which these Ministers are responsible for are:

[Link to http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/memblast.nsf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/memblast.nsf)

There are 59 Members of the Lower House and 36 Members in the Upper House.

In the Lower House a single Member represents an electoral district. The Members are elected using a system called preferential voting.

In the Upper House, 6 Members represent each electoral region. The Members are elected using a system of voting called proportional representation.

The Parliament House is located in Perth, the capital city of Western Australia.