

Category	Term/Allocation	Role
Members	Elected for a three year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members represent the views of the people of their electorate. Members debate on proposed laws and public policy.
Ministers	Selected by the Prime Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministers are allocated a portfolio by the Prime Minister e.g. Defence. Ministers are referred to as 'The Honorable' or if they are from the Senate they are referred to as 'Senator the Honorable'.
Cabinet	Consists of Senior Ministers and the Prime Minister.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major policy and legislative proposals are decided by the Cabinet.
House of Representatives	Each Member represents an electoral division and is voted in by the people of that electorate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make laws. Determine the Government (the most Members in the House of Representatives becomes the governing party). Publicize and scrutinize government administration. Represent citizens from their electorate. Controls expenditure.
Prime Minister	Voted on by their own political party to lead.	The Prime Minister is the head of the Australian Government. He or she achieves this position by being the leader of the party (or coalition) which has a majority of seats in the House of Representatives. The Prime Minister is formally appointed by the Governor-General.
Governor-General	Appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.	The Governor-General is Australia's Head of State. They have a range of constitutional and ceremonial duties. The Governor-General is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Defence Force and usually serves a term of five years.
Parliamentary Secretaries	Appointed by the Prime Minister.	<p>Up to 12 Members and Senators are appointed as Parliamentary Secretaries. They are sometimes also referred to as Assistant Ministers.</p> <p>A Parliament Secretary may appear in parliament or a committee to answer questions. They may also stand in for the Minister at public speaking engagements.</p>