

CLB 5 – June Question

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CLB 5: Canada's Parliament

In Canada's *parliamentary democracy*, the people elect members to the House of Commons in Ottawa and to the provincial and territorial legislatures. These representatives are responsible for passing laws, approving and monitoring expenditures, and keeping the government accountable.

Parliament has three parts: the Sovereign (Queen or King), the Senate and the House of Commons.

In the federal government, the Prime Minister selects the Cabinet ministers and is responsible for the operations and policy of the government. The House of Commons is made up of members of Parliament elected by the Canadian people. Senators are appointed by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister and serve until age 75.

No bill can become law in Canada until it has been passed by both chambers and has received 'royal assent' by the Governor General on behalf of the Sovereign.



David Johnston, 28th
Governor General since
Confederation, with
grandchildren



Review Question:

Canada's Parliament has...

- a Queen, a Prime Minister and voters
- a Sovereign, a Senate and House of Commons
- Members of Parliament, Senators and workers
- Prime Minister, a Cabinet and assistants