

Parliament at Work: House of Commons

The work of the House of Commons involves many different players. Members (MPs) represent their constituents, and they propose, debate and pass laws. Other people support them in political, non-political and administrative roles.

Learn more about the key roles in the House of Commons at <https://learn.parl.ca/UP>



Can you identify who does what in the House of Commons?

Draw lines to connect the people on the left to their correct roles on the right.



CLERK OF THE HOUSE

As the Head of Government, this MP defends the government's actions and policies in the House of Commons.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

These MPs are chosen by the Prime Minister to run government departments, such as Finance, National Defence, and Global Affairs.



PRIME MINISTER

This MP facilitates debates, maintains order, and interprets the rules and traditions of the House of Commons.



CABINET MINISTERS

These MPs are not part of the governing political party. Their role is to ask the government questions and to provide alternative perspectives on issues.



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

These MPs belong to the political party in power.



GOVERNMENT MPS

This person is the chief administrative officer of the House. Among other duties, they advise the Speaker on parliamentary procedure.



OPPOSITION MEMBERS

This person is responsible for the security of the House of Commons.