

Worksheet

2.1 An overview of the Australian legal system

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The work of parliament



1 Using the information from your textbook and the internet, fill in the following table.

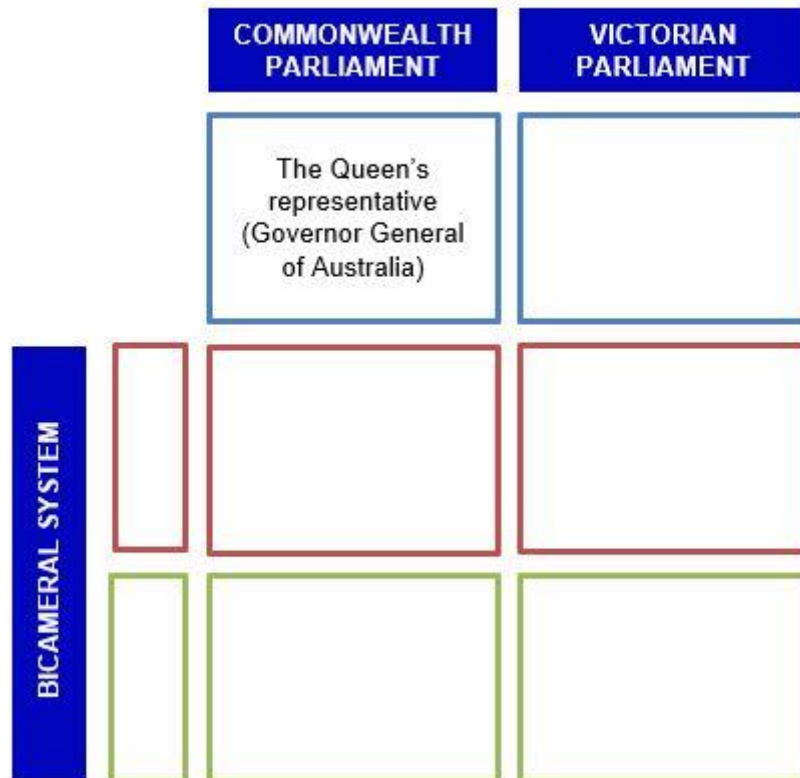
House	Name of the house	Size of the house	Term of office in years
The lower house of the Commonwealth Parliament			
The upper house of the Commonwealth Parliament			
The lower house of the Victorian Parliament			
The upper house of the Victorian Parliament			

2 What is the main role of parliament?

3 Conduct some research to help you correctly complete the table:

Current Governor-General	
Current Governor of Victoria	
Current Prime Minister	
Current federal opposition leader	
Current Premier of Victoria	
Next federal election	
Next Victorian election	

4 Complete the following diagram. The first answer has been provided for you.



5 The results of a fictitious election were as follows:

Australian Labor Party	Liberal Party
Upper house: 30	Upper house: 10
Lower house: 34	Lower house: 54

a Is this a Victorian election or a federal election? Justify your answer.

b Which house is the seat of government?

c Which party won government? Why?

d In this situation, what is the size of the government in terms of members?

6 What is delegated or secondary legislation? Provide an example.
