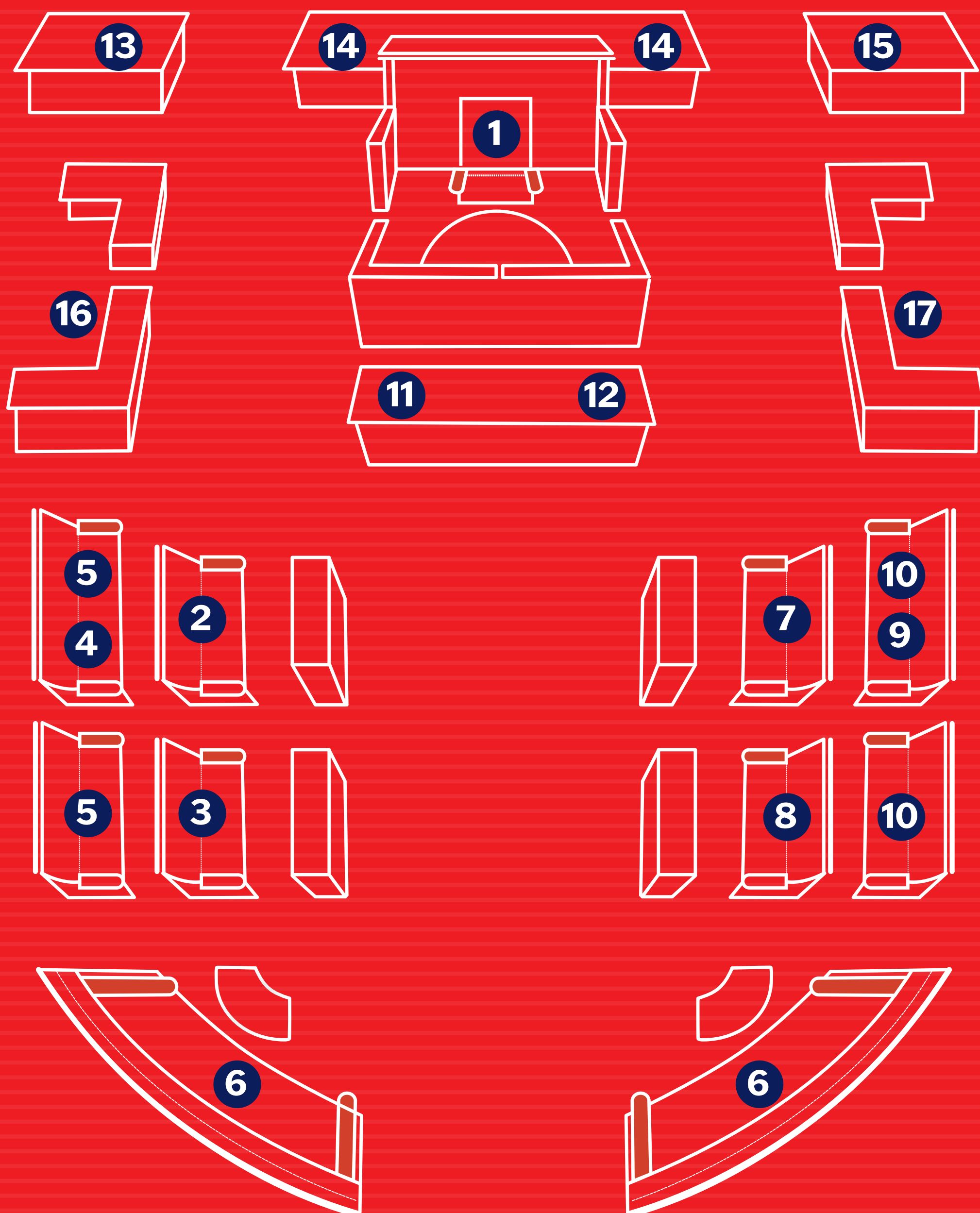


Legislative Council

Chamber Map



- 1 The President**
The President keeps Members in order, enforcing the Standing Orders – the rules of the Legislative Council.
- 2 Leader of the Government**
The leader of the party in government for the Legislative Council. The Premier is always in the lower house – the House of Assembly. The Government is determined by the majority party in the House of Assembly.
- 3 Ministers**
Ministers sit along the frontbench on the Government's side and they are responsible for different portfolios, like health or education.
- 4 Government Whip**
The Government Whip is a Member chosen by the party in government to coordinate their party business. They make sure people are in the Chambers for important votes or activities.
- 5 Government Backbenchers**
These Members belong to the party in government, working for their constituents and political parties. They do not have a ministerial portfolio.
- 6 Crossbenchers**
Members on the crossbench do not belong to the two major parties. They belong to minor parties or are independent. They can vote the way they like depending on the issue.
- 7 Leader of the Opposition**
The leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council. The formal leader of the opposition is always in the lower house – the House of Assembly. The Opposition is determined by the second largest party in the House of Assembly.
- 8 Shadow Ministers**
Shadow Ministers sit along the frontbench on the Opposition's side and they are responsible for shadowing different portfolios. They, along with other Members, ask the Ministers questions and keep them accountable for their work.
- 9 Opposition Whip**
The Opposition Whip is a Member chosen by the party in opposition to coordinate their party business. They make sure people are in the Chambers for important votes or activities.
- 10 Opposition Backbenchers**
These Members belong to the party in opposition, working for their constituents and political parties. They do not have a shadow ministry.
- 11 Clerk**
An expert on the rules of the Chamber (the Standing Orders), the Clerk provides advice to the President and Members.
- 12 Deputy Clerk and Usher of the Black Rod**
The Usher of the Black Rod provides procedural advice and carries the Black Rod.
- 13 Press Gallery**
Space for the media to observe and report on Parliamentary proceedings.
- 14 Hansard Gallery**
Hansard is the name of the official reports of the debates of Parliament, and the name of the division responsible for collating them. Hansard capture everything that has been said in Parliament.
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Space for the media to observe and report on Parliamentary proceedings.
- 16 Office of Parliamentary Counsel**
Specialist lawyers who draft legislation. They are on standby for when Bills are progressed in the Chamber.
- 17 Parliament Staff**
Parliamentary staff keep track of the proceedings and ensure that reports and data are available for public access.