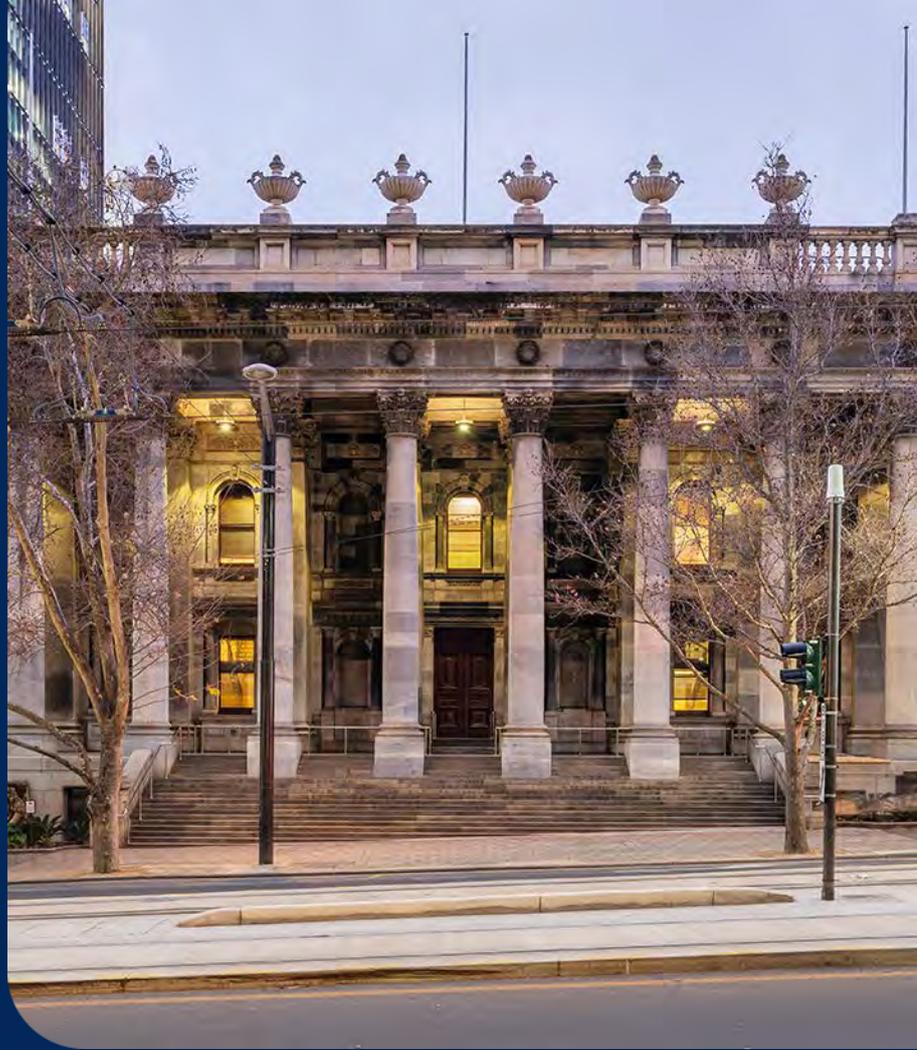


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What is Parliament House?

Parliament House is where elected Members of Parliament make the laws that govern our State.

Our Parliamentary system is based on the British Westminster system, which divides the Parliament into two Houses: The House of Assembly (green chamber) and the Legislative Council (red chamber).

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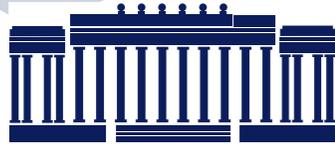
The House of Assembly has 47 Members



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The Legislative Council has 22 Members



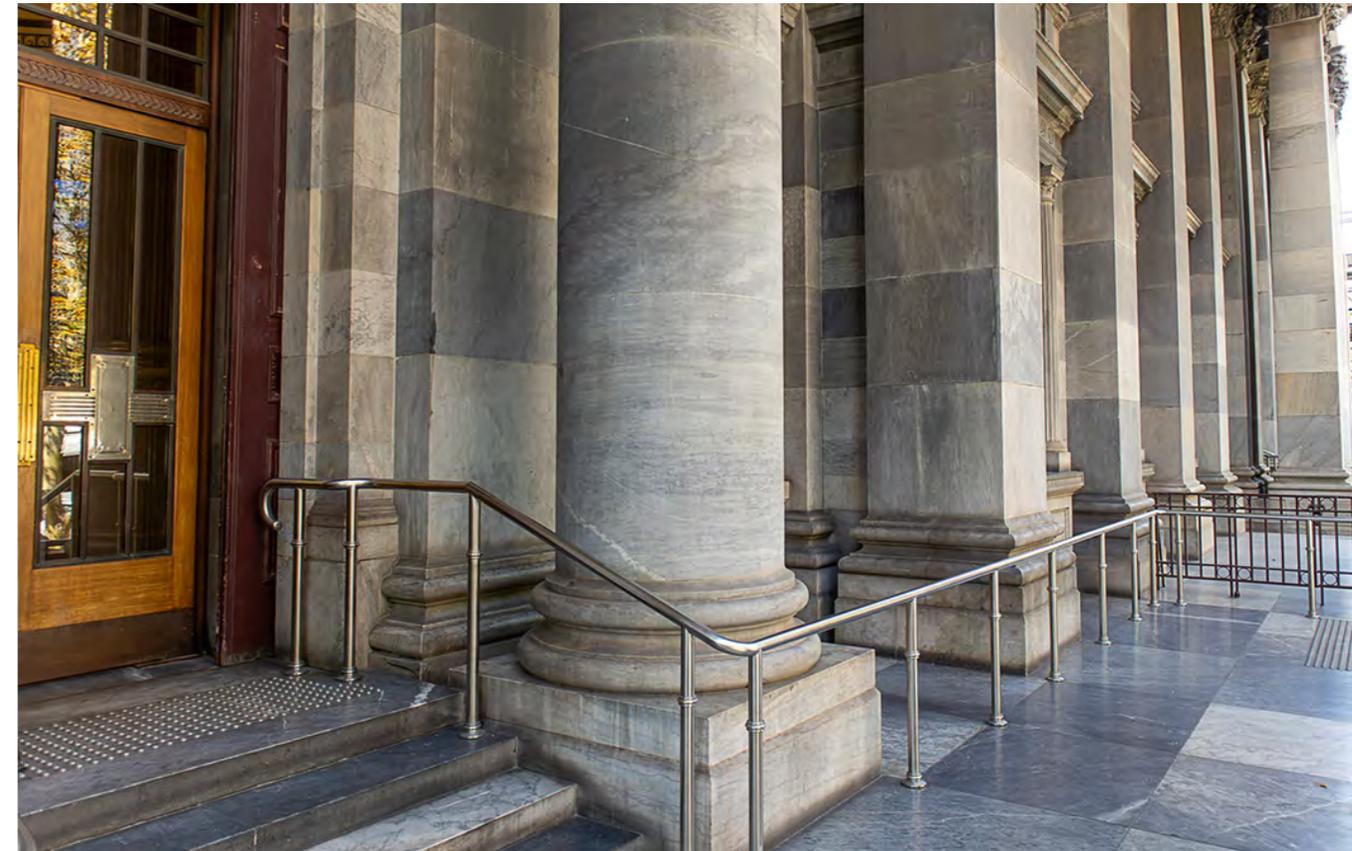


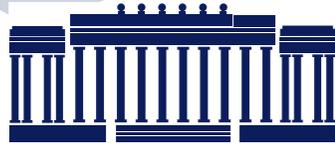
Arriving at Parliament House

At the front of Parliament House there are large marble steps. There might be a lot of people outside. I may have to wait outside before I go in.

If I can't use the steps, there is another entry that has a lift to go inside the building. I might have to wait at the entry to be shown to the lift.

The security guards at Parliament House can help me if I'm not sure where to go.



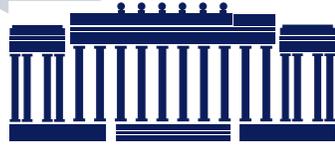


Going inside Parliament House

I will go through wooden and glass doors, then through to a small, glassed security section. I will wait in a single file line to go through the security section. Everyone who visits Parliament House must do this. It may be a bit tight if there are lots of people.

I will empty my pockets and put everything on a tray to go through the x-ray machine. There are things that are not allowed in Parliament House. If I have one of these things, security guards will tell me and I will leave it with them. I can pick it up at the end of my visit.





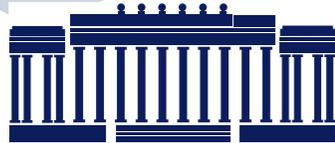
Inside Centre Hall

The next room is a big space with a very high ceiling. There is carpet on the floor and there are two levels above us. It can get quite loud in here at times due to the echo, especially when there are lots of people in there.

If it gets too loud, I can always speak to someone with me or a person from Parliament House and ask to move to a quiet room.

Myself, or someone with me, will speak to the person at the front desk, and they will call our tour guide.

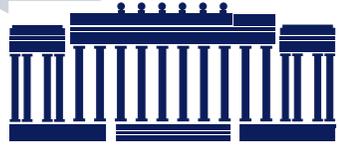




The lockers and toilets

There is a space downstairs where I can lock my bag if I don't want to carry it. If my bag is really big, I might be asked to put it in a cupboard. It will be locked in the cupboard to be kept safe, and I will get my bag back at the end of my visit. There are toilets near the lockers too. There might be other people in the bathroom.



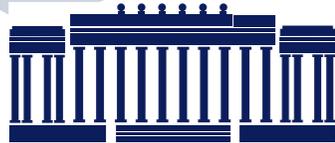


People at Parliament House

Many people visit Parliament House and many people work there too.

If I get lost, a staff member will be able to help me find my class. Staff members work in the building, and they wear a special pass with their photo on it.





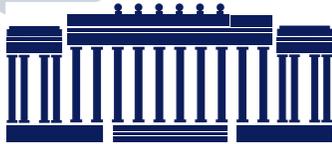
Our tour at Parliament House

My guide knows what we are going to do and when.

My guide will tell us where we will be going and we will be moving around Parliament House as a group. I might visit many areas of Parliament House or just a few. I will follow my guide and I will stay with the group.

After we have done all the things that our guide has planned, we will go to collect our bags.



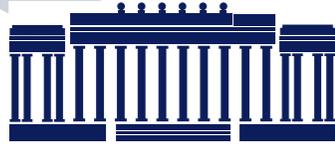


Politicians at Parliament House

When the politicians are working, we might sit in the seats upstairs and watch. I will need to stay sitting in the gallery, and be as quiet as possible. There are a few things that might be loud when the politicians are working.

There are bells that tell the politicians to go to the right place in the building, and they can talk loudly. If I feel it is too loud I can tell my guide or someone with me and we can find a quiet place.





Politicians at Parliament House

Sometimes there are lights that flash in parts of the building, one red and one green. These lights tell the politicians that they are being called to go to a room.

If the lights make me uncomfortable, I can tell my guide or someone with me and we can move to a room where there are no lights.

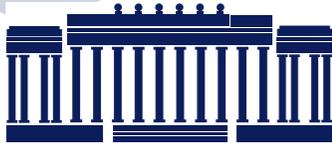




Eating at Parliament House

We might have a snack in Parliament House if we have arranged it with our guide. I will not eat inside Parliament House unless my guide tells me I can.



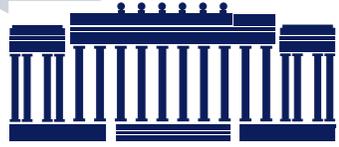


Touching things at Parliament House

At Parliament House there will be lots of interesting things. I can touch some of these things. There are other things that I cannot touch. I will just look at these things.

I will be told which ones I can touch and which ones to just look at. If I am not sure whether I can touch something I will ask my guide.

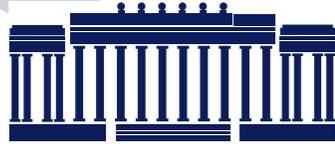




Big spaces at Parliament House

Parliament House is a special building and inside it looks and feels different to home or shop. Some rooms in Parliament House are big. Some rooms in Parliament House are small. Some rooms in Parliament House might be dark or bright. If I don't like being in a room and feel uncomfortable, I will tell my guide or someone with me.





Things to remember:

- Follow the guide who is leading my group
- Stay close to my group
- Walk and not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Only touch things I am told that I am allowed to touch

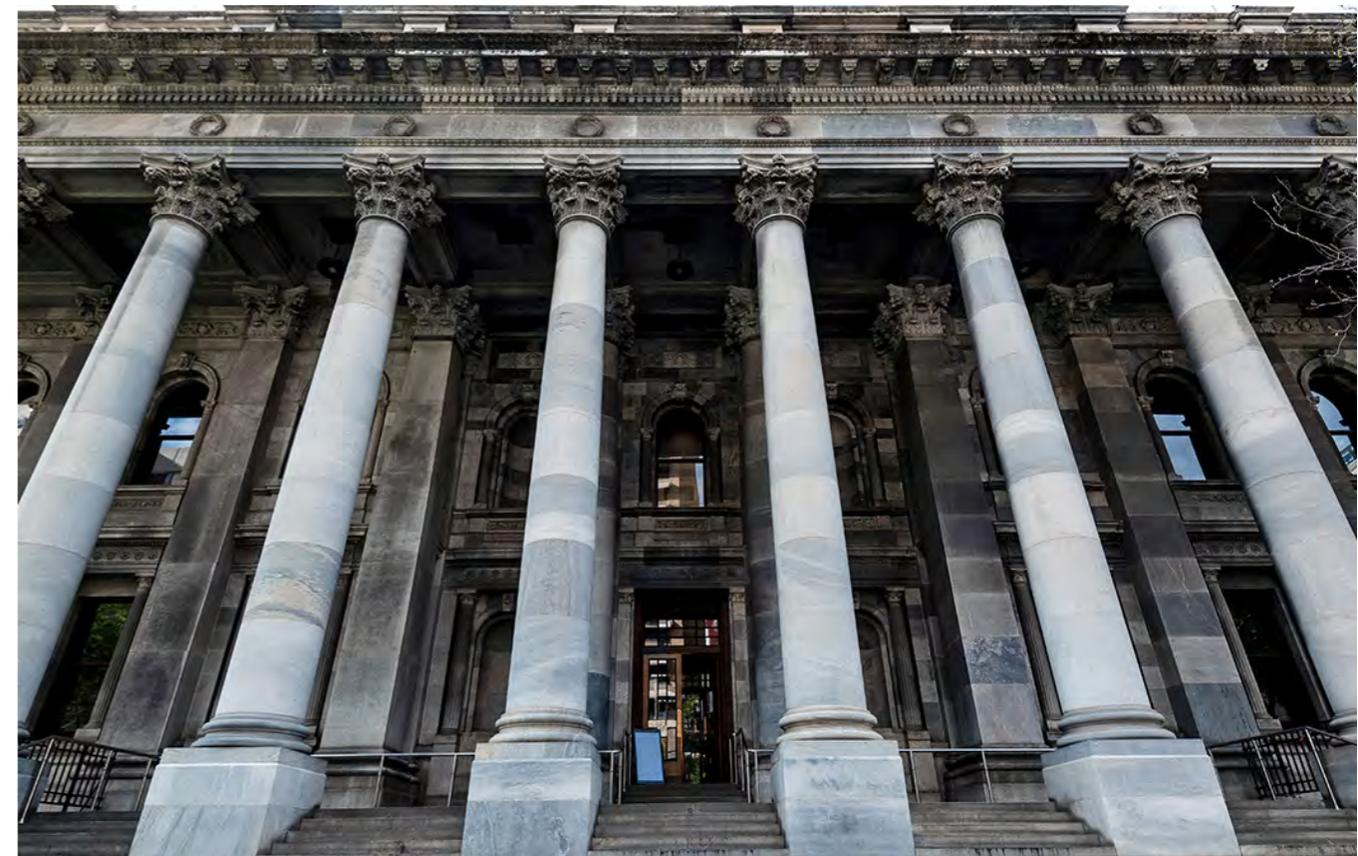




A note for carers

Please contact the Community Education Office on **8237 9443** if you require more photos or further supports to prepare your visitors for a trip to Parliament House.

Don't forget to ask the person taking your booking about a regulation space if your visitors need one.



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