

WHO'S WHO?

The different roles in Parliament



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Acts like a referee and makes sure MPs follow the rules and debates in Parliament run smoothly.



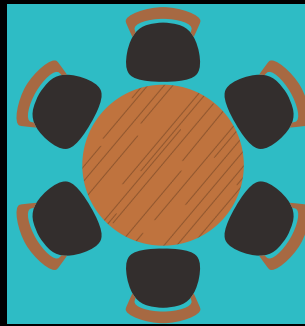
SERJEANT-AT-ARMS

Carries the mace and helps the Speaker maintain order in the House.



PRIME MINISTER

The leader of the Government and the country.



THE CABINET

Up to 20 ministers who lead government decisions on law-making and how money is spent.



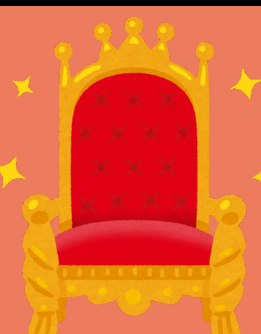
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Fills in for the Prime Minister when they are away or can't do their job.



THE WHIP / MUSTERER

An MP who organises the members of their party and casts the votes on their behalf.



SOVEREIGN

The King or Queen, New Zealand's Head of State who lives in the United Kingdom.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Sovereign's representative who signs bills into law and takes part in special ceremonies



CLERK OF THE HOUSE

Provides advice on the rules of Parliament and records the decisions made by the House of Representatives.



HANSARD EDITORS

The people who write down everything that is said in the Debating Chamber.