The Business of Parliament

Read page 23 Our Parliament Our Country

The Role of the Monarch

    Queen Elizabeth II is the Monarch of Canada. How many other countries does she serve the same role?

 The Govenor General

    The Right Honourable **David Johnston** is Canada's current Govenor General.

        a.   How did she become Govenor General?

        b.   She has four ***official duties*** *– name and describe each.*

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        c.   She also has three Ceromonial Duties – name and describe each.

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        d.   Name two official homes of the Governor General ? (Red box)

Read page 24 **The Senate**

    a. How does a Canadian become a Senator?

    b. What are the requirements to be a Senator?

    c. How many Senators currently have seats in the Senate?

    d. What are the main duties of a Senator?

Read page 26 **The House of Commons**

    a. How does a Canadian become a Member of Parliament (MP)?

    b. There are currently 308 MP seats in the House of Commons and are assigned seating according to the role of their political party. Explain the seating arrangement of the House of Commons.

    c. Members of Parliament need to commute between their home constituency and Ottawa. What are the main duties of a Member of Parliament when Parliament is in session?

Read page 28 The Prime Minister is the Head of Government and official leader of the nation.

    a. How does a Canadian become the Prime Minsiter of Canada?

    b. Name our current Prime Minister and the governing political party

The Cabinet

    a. How does a Canadian become a cabinet minister?

    b. What is the role of a Minister?

    c. Explain the term "collective responsibility".

    d. Name five examples of federal departments.

Read page 29 **The Speakers**

Both the Senate and House of Commons have Speaker who must maintain **"rules of order".**

    a. How does a Canadian become the Speaker of the Senate?

    b. How does a Canadian become the Speaker of the House of Commons?

    c. When is the only time the Speaker will vote on decision?