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About the House of Representatives

The House of Representatives has a number of important functions: it determines the government, debates and passes laws, watches over government administration and expenditure, and provides a forum for public debate on issues of national importance. It shares the power to make laws with the other House of Parliament, the Senate.

About our seminars

The House of Representatives is where governments are formed and where most proposed Commonwealth laws are introduced. Through its seminar program, the House offers people interested in its work an opportunity to find out how the House actually works. Our seminars range from the basic to the very detailed - something for everyone.

Custom seminars

The Department of the House of Representatives offers custom seminars for individual organisations. Custom seminars can be delivered on a range of topics. Custom seminars are offered as a half day or a full day only.

Seminar information

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DEPARTMENT OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Seminar Program

Explaining the work of the House

2022



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About our seminars

The 2022 House of Representatives Seminar Program will be offered in-person and online. COVID safe arrangements will be in place for all in-person seminars, in accordance with the COVID Safe Plan for Australian Parliament House and government requirements.

About the Budget

The annual passage of the budget through the parliament is critical for the proper functioning of the government. The About the Budget seminar gives a practical insight into the procedures involved in the various stages of budget consideration once the budget has been introduced into the House. The seminar includes a comprehensive guide to accessing budget documents and is designed for people who are involved with or need to follow the budget after it is introduced into the House.

Date: Wed 16 March | **Time:** 10am - 12pm | **Venue:** Parliament House

About Legislation

Most proposed Commonwealth legislation is introduced into the House of Representatives. In the About Legislation seminar, we explain in detail the whole legislative process – from the introduction of a bill into the House, to what happens when it becomes an act, or law. We guide you in how to find and use on-line documents related to the legislative process. The seminar is designed for people who are involved in the legislative process and who need to follow the passage of legislation through the parliament.

Date: Wed 8 June | **Time:** 10am - 12pm | **Venue:** Parliament House

About Parliament

The About Parliament seminars, run in conjunction with the Department of the Senate, provide an introduction to Australia's parliamentary system of government and what parliament does. Developed for graduates and those new to the public service, the seminar provides an overview of the parliamentary system, including the constitutional provisions for the federal system of government; the functions of the parliament, executive and judiciary; and the way in which public servants interact with the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Date: Wed 24 August | **Time:** 10am - 11.30am | **Venue:** Parliament House

About Committees

Parliamentary committees regularly inquire into and report on issues of importance to all Australians. The About Committees seminar provides detailed information on all aspects of committee work, including the types of committees and how they conduct their investigations. If you want to know how you can contribute a submission to a committee's inquiry, give evidence before a committee, brief others on these processes, or simply follow the progress of an inquiry, this seminar will interest you.

Date: Wed 5 October | **Time:** 10am - 12pm | **Venue:** Parliament House

Additional information on seminars and their pricing can be found at www.houseofrepresentatives.gov.au.