



DEPARTMENT OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Seminar Program

HOW THE HOUSE WORKS

The 2026 House of Representatives Seminar Program will be offered in-person and online.

The House of Representatives is where governments are formed and most Commonwealth bills are introduced. Through its seminar program, the House gives participants the chance to learn how the House works.

This half-day seminar provides an overview of the role of the House in Australia's system of government and is delivered by senior officers from the Department of the House of Representatives.

Program

9.15 am: Registration

9.30 am: Welcome | Introduction
The House in Context

9.50 am: The Functions of the House
Members' Parliamentary Roles

10.20 am: Morning Tea Break

10.40 am: The Legislative Process

11.25 am: The House Committee System & Inquiry Process

12.10 pm: Supporting the House
Questions | Evaluations

12.30 pm: Proceedings close for online attendees
Q&A in the Chamber gallery for in-person attendees (optional)

12.45 pm: Close
