

Minority and Majority Governments in Federal and State/Territory Parliaments

Name:

1. Answer the following questions:

- In which house is government formed?
- What is majority government?
- What is a minority government?

2. Using the information in the following document

https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/library/prspub/3681701/upload_binary/3681701.pdf

(in particular, TABLE 1) determine what sort of government (either minority or majority) has currently been formed in our Federal Parliament and the 8 State/Territory Parliaments by completing the table on the reverse side of this worksheet.

3. Once you have completed the table on the reverse side, answer these last two questions:

- How many minority governments are there currently in Australia?

- How many majority governments are there currently in Australia?

2. Table to complete: Minority or Majority?

Parliament	Total # of seats in Lower house	# of seats required to form Govt.	Seats won by ALP	Seats won by LIB	Seats won by NATS	Seats won by LNP	Seats won by CA	Seats won by CLP	Seats won by GRN	Seats won by KAP	Seats won by PHON	Seats won by SFF	Seats won by IND	Political party/parties forming Government	Type of Government formed
Federal	150														
NSW	93														
VIC	88														
QLD	93														
WA	59														
SA	47														
TAS	25														
ACT	25														
NT	25														

ALP - Australian Labor Party	LIB - Liberal Party	NATS - Nationals	LNP – Liberal National Party (QLD)	CLP – Country Liberal Party	CA – Centre Alliance
GRN - Greens	KAP – Katter's Australia Party	PHON – Pauline Hanson's One Nation	SFF – Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	IND – independents (various)	