

State and territory governments

1. Research the population and the number of ministers in each state or territory. Add this information to the chart about state and territory governments.

State/ Territory	Population	Name of lower house	Members in lower house	Name of upper house	Members in upper house	Total number of members	Number of ministers
NSW		Legislative Assembly	93	Legislative Council	42	135	
Qld		Legislative Assembly	89	-	-	89	
SA		House of Assembly	47	Legislative Council	22	69	
Tas.		Legislative Assembly	25	Legislative Council	15	40	
Vic.		Legislative Assembly	88	Legislative Council	40	128	
WA		Legislative Assembly	59	Legislative Council	36	95	
ACT		Legislative Assembly	17	-	-	17	
NT		Legislative Assembly	25	-	-	25	

2. True or False?

- (a) The three states with the most members of parliament are: New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

True False

- (b) All states and territories have a lower house called the Legislative Assembly.

True False

- (c) All the states except one have a Legislative Council.

True False

- (d) There are more people living in the Australian Capital Territory than in the Northern Territory, and it also has more members of parliament.

True False

3. (a) Who is the Minister for Education in your state or territory?

(b) What other portfolios, if any, does this minister hold?

(c) How long has this minister been a member of parliament?

4. What is something you would like your Minister for Education to change in the education policy of your state or territory?
