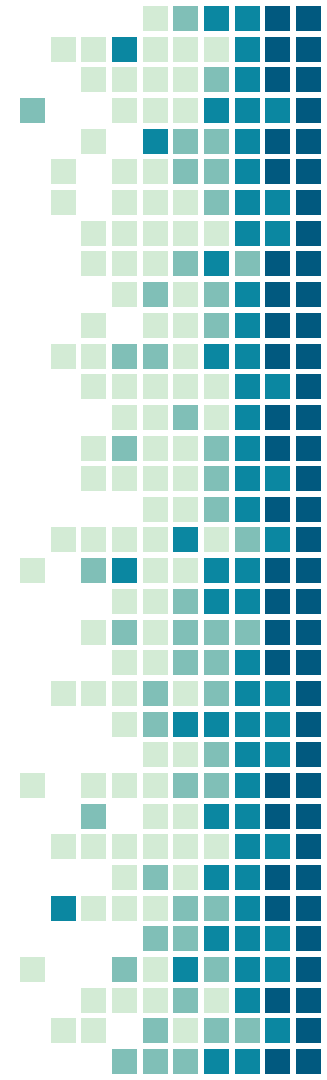


# KNOWLEDGE OF PARLIAMENTARY ISSUES IN POLITICAL REPORTING

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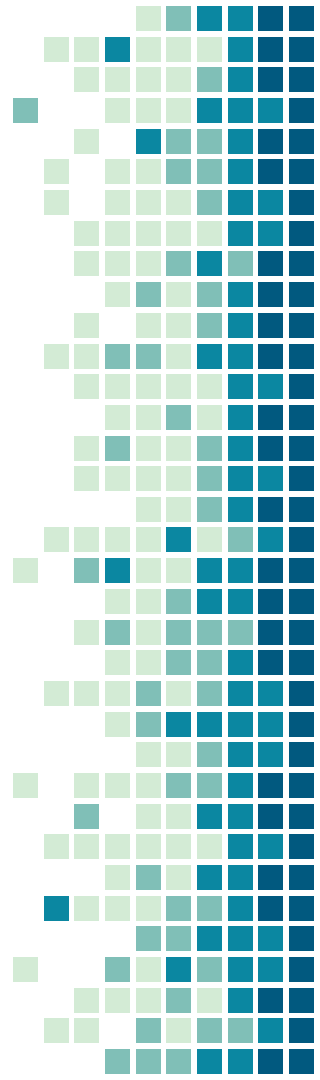
- Terms Related to Parliamentary
- Functions of Parliament





## DEFINITION OF TERMS RELATED TO PARLIAMENTARY

**The Speaker** is an MP who has been elected by other MPs to act as Chair during parliamentary debates in the national Assembly. He/she responsible for ensuring that the rules are observed and order is maintained in the Parliamentary House.



**Opposition Party-** Is the A group of people forming **political** party in a multiparty **political** system that is opposed to or criticizes continuously the government or **political** party in power

**The Shadow Cabinet-** is the team of senior spokespeople chosen by the Leader of the Opposition to mirror the Cabinet in Government. Each member of the shadow cabinet is appointed to lead on a specific policy area for their party and to question and challenge their counterpart in the Cabinet. In this way the Official Opposition seeks to present itself as an alternative government-in-waiting.

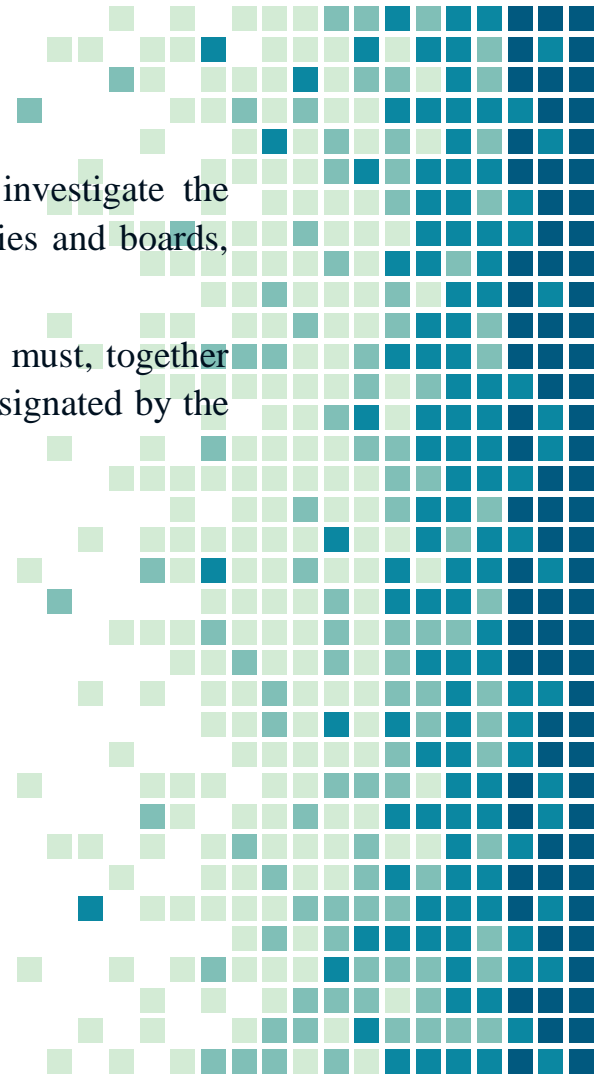


**The Clerk**, is a Person who is a presidential appointee, is the Chief Executive of the Office of the National Assembly responsible for the efficient discharge of the business of the Office of the National Assembly in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and other relevant laws. the main role of clerk is to **advise the Speaker and Members of the Parliament on House of procedure and privilege.**

**A parliamentary committees-** are the of group of members of Parliament appointed by the house in which they sit (or both houses in the case of joint committees) to undertake detailed work on its behalf and report back to the house on completion of investigations.

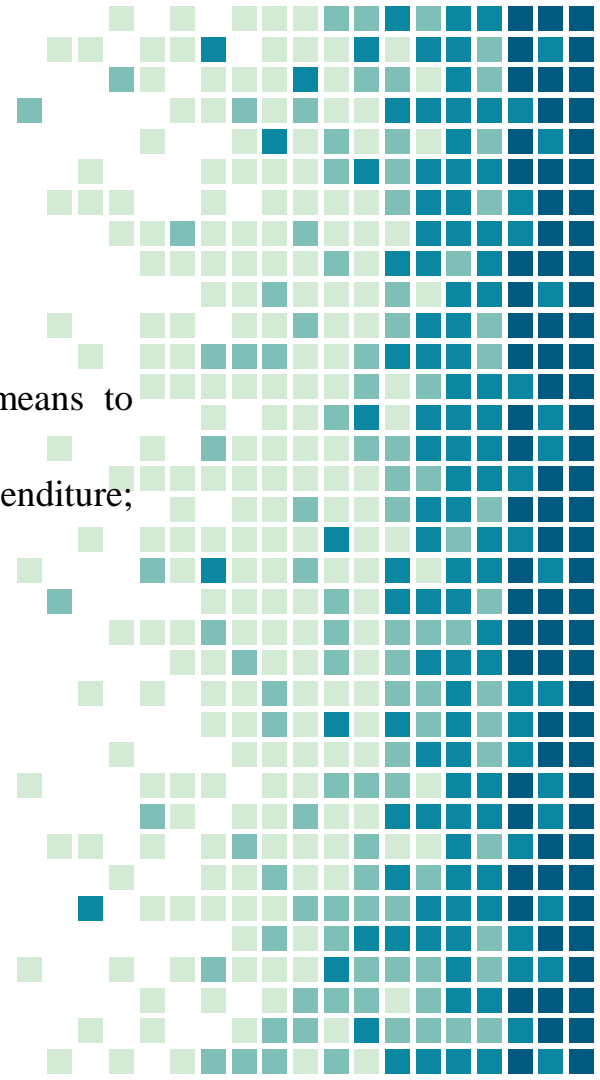
**The Ombudsman** is an independent officer of Parliament with responsibility to investigate the actions of public authorities including State Government agencies, statutory authorities and boards, local governments and universities.

**Chief Whip means** the person elected Whip of the ruling party in the Council who must, together with other Whips ensure the smooth functioning of the Council, or the member so designated by the political parties in the Council who do not enjoy an outright majority.



## ■ **FUNCTIONS OF PARLIAMENT**

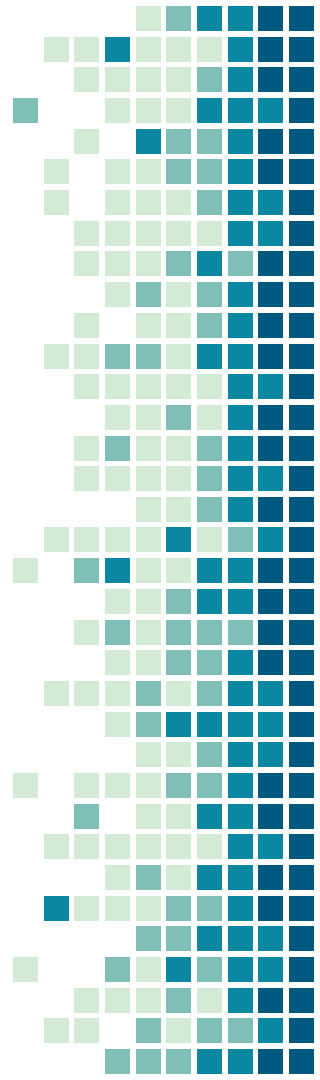
- To pass laws for the good governance.
- To provide, by giving legislative sanction to taxation and acquisition of means to carrying out the work of the government.
- To scrutinize government policy and administration, including proposal for expenditure; and to debate major issues of the day.





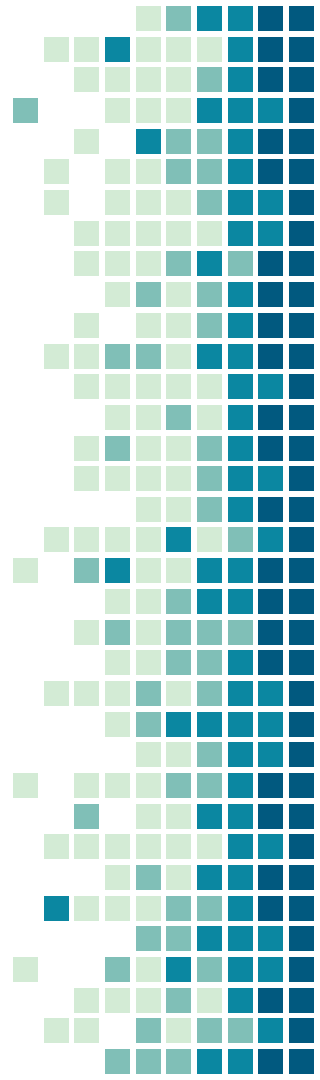
## ■ **FUNCTION OF PARLIAMENT...cont**

- ask any question to any Minister concerning public affairs in the 40 United Republic which are within his responsibility;
- (b) debate the performance of each Ministry during the annual budget session of the National Assembly;
- deliberate upon and authorize any long or short term plan which is intended to be implemented in the United Republic and enact a law to regulate the implementation of that plan;
- enact law where implementation requires legislation





Any Question?



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