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| **Across****4.** representative of the Queen in a state of the Commonwealth of Australia **5.** the head of the national government, the chief minister in some countries, including Australia**7.**  a vote by all voters on a question**13.**  a formal discussion in which different views are put to arrive at a decision**14.** the greater number.**16.** a proposal for a new law which has been presented to Parliament**18.** a law made under the authority of an Act of Parliament **19.**  a member of the Australian Senate**20.** a matter that has been referred to a parliamentary committee for consideration.**21.** having to do with the national Parliament or government rather that state parliaments or governments**22.** a way of governing a country in which the people elect representatives to form a government on their behalf**24.** system of government originating in Britain**26.**  the committee of senior ministers responsible for controlling government policy.**28.**  the forming of a nation by the union of a number of states**30.**  the activities associated with the governance of a country or area. | **Down****1.**  commonwealth parliament**2.**  the set of basic rules by which a country or state is governed**3.** a parliamentary period which starts on the first day of sitting after an election**6.**  the second largest political party or coalition of parties after the government party in the House of Representatives**8.** the branch of government which carries out or administers the laws **9.** the signing of a bill by the Governor-General, which is the last step in making a bill into an Act of Parliament, or law**10.** a group of countries or peoples united by a common interest**11.**  One of the two houses of the federal Parliament of Australia, which has 76 Senators**12.** a legislative, elected body of government**15.** State parliament**17.** choosing someone to hold public office or some other position by voting.**23.**  the joining together of two or more groups or parties, usually to form a government or opposition**25.** the greater number**27.** having two chambers or houses, especially of a law-making body**29.** the senior permanent official who advises on procedure and records the decisions of the house. |