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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. |