

Broad, Non-Comprehensive List:

People

Cast of Characters

- Sovereign and her representatives
- Cabinet Government
- Public Service
- Wider State Sector
- The executive, the government, the Crown
- The judiciary

Who are they?

What do they do?

Why are they important?

How is power conferred?

What accountability relationships are at play?

What conventions are at play?

Sources of Power or Constraint

- Statute
- Royal prerogative
 - Reserve powers
- Constitutional Conventions
- Cabinet Manual
- Standing Orders

Situations

End of Governments (or Prime Ministers)

- Following loss of confidence or after an election
 - Testing confidence of the House
- Role of political actors
 - Caretaker convention
 - Conventions re: the Governor General
- Role of Governor General
 - Reserve powers to refuse to dissolve parliament

Forming Government

- Following loss of confidence or an election
- Role of political actors
 - Coalition/support negotiations and agreements
 - Conventions re: Governor General
- Role of Governor General
 - Reserve Power to appoint a Prime Minister

During the Parliamentary Term

- Cabinet Decision-making
- Collective ministerial responsibility
- Individual ministerial responsibility
- Ministerial conflicts of interest
- Public service
 - Conventions
 - Accountability relationships
- Interface with Governor General
 - Role of Executive Council
 - Refusal of royal assent