**Sample Assessment Tasks**

Politics and Law

ATAR Year 12

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# Sample assessment task

# Politics and Law – ATAR Year 12

# Task 3 – Unit 3

**Assessment type:** Investigation

**Conditions**

Period allowed for completion of the research task: two weeks.

45 minutes to complete the validation essay written in class under test conditions at the end of the research period.

**Task weighting**

5% of the school mark for this pair of units

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**Part A: Research (25 marks)**

Investigate the roles and powers of the Governor-General, ‘the 1975 crisis’; and Australia as a republic (constitutional reform).

1. Use the following points to guide your research.

* The roles and powers of the Governor-General: (6 marks)
* constitutional
* according to convention
* ‘The 1975 crisis’ and the Governor-General: (7 marks)
* in terms of constitutional powers
* in terms of conventions of the Constitution
* Australia as a republic (constitutional reform): (7 marks)
* the role and powers of ‘the President’, including the reserve powers (options/model)
* selection/appointment and removal of ‘the President’ (options/model).

1. Use an appropriate retrieval and/or note making chart to take notes, using the points above as a guide. (3 marks)

* The research notes need to be comprehensive and provide sufficient evidence.
* The research notes need to reflect diverse and relevant source information.
* Ensure the sources of information are correctly acknowledged within the notes.

3. Construct a bibliography following the school’s protocols. (2 marks)

The research notes and the bibliography are to be submitted as part of the task.

**Part B:** **(25 marks)**

In-class validation essay based on the investigation conducted in Part A.

‘The role and powers of the Governor-General are no longer tenable in Australia today and, therefore, Australia should become a republic.’

Evaluate this claim with specific reference to ‘the 1975 crisis’.

# Marking key for sample assessment task 3 – Unit 3

**Part A: Research**

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| **Part A: Research** | |
| **Roles and powers of the Governor-General** | |
| Identifies three express and/or reserve constitutional powers | 3 |
| Identifies two express and/or reserve constitutional powers | 2 |
| Identifies one express or reserve constitutional power | 1 |
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| Identifies three roles according to convention | 3 |
| Identifies two roles according to convention | 2 |
| Identifies one role according to convention | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **6** |
| **‘The 1975 crisis’ and the Governor-General** | |
| Outlines three ways constitutional reserve powers were used by the Governor-General in the crisis | 3 |
| Outlines two ways constitutional reserve powers were used by the Governor-General in the crisis | 2 |
| Outlines one way constitutional reserve powers were used by the Governor-General in the crisis | 1 |
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| Outlines four ways parliamentary conventions were broken in the crisis | 4 |
| Outlines three ways parliamentary conventions were broken in the crisis | 3 |
| Outlines two ways parliamentary conventions were broken in the crisis | 2 |
| Outlines one way parliamentary conventions were broken in the crisis | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **7** |
| **Australia as a republic (constitutional reform)** | |
| Identifies four options/models related to Australia as a republic, such as the selection/appointment/removal process, role and powers of ‘the President’ | 6−7 |
| Outlines three options/models related to Australia as a republic, such as the selection/appointment/removal process, role and powers of ‘the President’ | 4−5 |
| Outlines two options/models related to Australia as a republic, such as the selection/appointment/removal process OR the role OR the powers of ‘the President’ | 1−3 |
| **Subtotal** | **7** |
| **Research total** | **20** |
| **Political and legal research skills** | |
| Provides research notes that are comprehensive and contain sufficient evidence | 1 |
| Provides research notes that reflect diverse and relevant source information | 1 |
| Correctly acknowledges the source of information within notes | 1 |
| Provides a bibliography consistent with the school’s protocols | 1−2 |
| **Skills total** | **5** |
| **Part A total** | **25** |

**Part B: Validation essay**

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| **Part B: In-class validation essay** | |
| **Explains relevant terms and outlines parameters of discussion** | |
| Explains all relevant terms and outlines parameters of discussion | 5 |
| Explains some of the terms and outlines parameters of discussion | 4 |
| Indicates what will be addressed in the discussion | 3 |
| Attempts to provide a focus for discussion | 2 |
| Makes a general statement concerning the topic/claim | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **5** |
| **Discussion of relevant issues, including pertinent examples** | |
| Discusses relevant issues comprehensively, using a well-structured format and supportive examples in a cohesive, logical sequence and uses relevant political and legal terminology | 9–10 |
| Discusses some relevant issues, incorporating some examples in a cohesive, logical sequence and uses relevant political and legal terminology | 7–8 |
| Provides limited discussion with limited examples in a logical sequence and uses relevant political and legal terminology | 5–6 |
| Provides limited discussion of the issues with limited political and legal terminology | 3–4 |
| Makes general statements concerning the topic | 1–2 |
| **Subtotal** | **10** |
| **Evaluation/assessment/analysis** | |
| Evaluates/assesses/analyses the claim using specific evidence which demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the topic | 7 |
| Evaluates/assesses/analyses the claim using appropriate evidence which demonstrates an understanding of the topic | 6 |
| Evaluates/assesses/analyses the claim using some evidence which demonstrates some understanding of the topic | 5 |
| Constructs a relevant, but weak evaluation/assessment/analysis | 4 |
| Constructs a weak evaluation/assessment/analysis | 3 |
| Provides limited evaluation/assessment/analysis | 2 |
| Does not provide an evaluation/assessment/analysis, only a statement | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **7** |
| **Conclusion** | |
| Draws together the argument, linking the evidence | 3 |
| Summarises the argument | 2 |
| Makes general/superficial statements | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **3** |
| **Part B total** | **25** |

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| **Relevant terms and parameters of discussion:**   * roles of the Governor-General: constitutional, statutory and ceremonial * powers of the Governor-General: * express powers: exercised on behalf of Parliament/PM (in Council), which include: Royal Assent to Bills; appointment of Federal justices, including High Court justices; issuing writs for elections to the House * reserve powers (prerogative): exercised without or in spite of advice, which include those powers associated with ss. 28; 57 and 64 of the Commonwealth Constitution * ‘the 1975 crisis’ * constitutional reserve powers that were used by the Governor-General in the crisis * parliamentary conventions that were broken in the crisis * Australia as a Republic: * different models * position/powers of a President.   **Issues, including pertinent examples, could include:**  The role of the Governor-General is no longer tenable:  Agree   * It is an unelected and unaccountable role with real power and therefore untenable.   Disagree   * actual role is still tenable and it would be similar/same in a republic * an independent party within the executive allows for continuity * causes a pause in the processes and allows a non-partisan person to query and question.   The powers of the Governor-General are no longer tenable in Australia today:  Agree   * the powers that a Governor-General has at their disposal are incompatible with a modern liberal democracy * makes reference to the constitution and conventions surrounding ‘the 1975 crisis’ (an unelected person [Governor-General] can dismiss an elected PM who retained control of the House) * a foreign monarch/power has ultimate control over the executive in Australia.   Disagree   * the position of Governor-General has for over a century served Australia well * the powers of the Governor-General cause a Prime Minister to discuss and justify a situation with an independent non-partisan party * the Governor-General’s role and powers were used to resolve the crisis when a Prime Minister failed to follow convention and resign when unable to secure supply.   Australia should become a republic:   * replace the Governor-General with a President * appointment/selection process is with the people/Parliament – a more open process than at present, but it may politicise the President/Head of state * limit the powers of the President in terms of the current reserve powers to ensure greater accountability within democratic Australia, but then Australia would be left with the situation of how to resolve a crisis when conventions are not followed * **or** transfer the current powers to the President – this would not alter the potential for another 1975 crisis.   **Evaluation:**   * Has the role and powers of the Governor-General become untenable in Australia today? What are the lessons from ‘the 1975 crisis’? Should Australia become a republic and if so, which model of republic? * Presents a conclusion based on the evidence on whether or not the role and powers of the  Governor-General in Australia today are untenable and because of this Australia should become a republic. |

# Sample assessment task

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# Task 6 – Unit 4

**Assessment type:** Short answer

**Conditions**

Time for the task: 45 minutes

In class under test conditions

**Task weighting**

8% of the school mark for this pair of units **(30 marks)**

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**Question 1 (10 marks)**

(a) Outline **two** elements associated with the Commonwealth Parliament. (2 marks)

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(b) Explain **two** ways elections for the House of Representatives help to keep it accountable.

(3 marks)

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(c) Discuss **one** argument for and **one** argument against the proposition: ‘elections for the Senate play no role in the accountability of parliament’. (5 marks)

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**Question 2 (10 marks)**

(a) Outline **two** elements associated with the House of Representatives Privileges Committee in the Commonwealth Parliament. (2 marks)

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(b) Explain how party discipline can erode the integrity of the committee system’s role in the legislative process of the Commonwealth Parliament. (3 marks)

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(c) With reference to an example, explain the role of the judiciary in terms of parliamentary accountability. (5 marks)

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**Question 3 (10 marks)**

(a) Outline **two** elements associated with legislation. (2 marks)

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(b) Outline the role of the Federation Chamber (Main Committee) of the Commonwealth Parliament and explain how its existence helps to promote parliamentary accountability.

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(c) Define the gag and the guillotine and discuss how their use during the legislative process may  
compromise parliamentary accountability. (5 marks)

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# Marking key for sample assessment task 6 – Unit 4

**Question 1**

(a) Outline **two** elements associated with the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Outlines two elements associated with the Commonwealth Parliament | 2 |
| Outlines one element associated with the Commonwealth Parliament  **or** makes a general statement concerning the Commonwealth Parliament | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| The Commonwealth Parliament:   * supreme legislative body * bicameral legislature * a lower house known as the House of Representatives * an upper house known as the Senate * the Governor-General acting on behalf of the Queen gives consent to legislation * Government is formed in the lower house | |

(b) Explain **two** ways elections for the House of Representatives help to keep it accountable.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Explains two ways elections help to keep the House of Representatives accountable | 3 |
| Explains one way elections help to keep the House of Representatives accountable  **or** lists two ways elections help to keep the House of Representatives accountable | 2 |
| Lists one way elections help to keep the House of Representatives accountable  **or** makes a general statement concerning elections and parliamentary accountability | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Ways elections help to keep the House of Representatives accountable:   * voters can evaluate the performance of individual Members of House of Representatives * voters can evaluate the performance of government and/or opposition * voters can support a particular candidate or alternative party because of an action/policy of an MP/party   Note: examples could be used instead of explanations; for example:   * Tony Abbott losing the seat of Warringah in 2019 in part due to the climate change issue * Independent Zalli Steggall winning Warringah in part due to the climate change issue * PM Malcolm Turnball nearly losing office in 2016 over confused policy platform * Rudd/Gillard government losing office over internal disunity and policy failings | |

(c) Discuss **one** argument for and **one** argument against the proposition: ‘elections for the Senate

play no role in the accountability of parliament’.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Identifies one argument in support of the proposition  Identifies one argument against the proposition  Discusses each of the arguments identified  Cites at least one relevant example in the discussion | 5 |
| Identifies one argument in support of the proposition  Identifies one argument against the proposition  Discusses each of the arguments identified | 3−4 |
| Identifies one argument in support of the proposition **and/or** identifies one argument against the proposition  **or** makes a general statement concerning elections and Senate accountability | 1−2 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Arguments in support of the proposition:   * government is formed in the House of Representatives, not the Senate   Arguments against the proposition:   * a certain percentage of electors deliberately vote differently for each House * a certain percentage of electors vote to promote a balance of power situation, so that the House of Representatives becomes more accountable * proportional representation allows minor parties/Independents to gain seats and present views not always evident in the lower house | |

**Question 2**

1. Outline **two** elements associated with the House of Representatives Privileges Committee in the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Outlines two elements associated with the House of Representatives Privileges Committee  **or** outlines an example that explains its role and/or powers | 2 |
| Outlines one element associated with the House of Representatives Privileges Committee  **or** cites an example associated with parliamentary privilege | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| House of Representatives Privileges Committee:   * can inquire into and report on complaints of breaches of parliamentary privilege. For example, in 2017 the committee investigated whether the former member for Dunkley, Mr Bruce Billson’s appointment as a paid director of the Franchise Council of Australia, while still a Member of the House of Representatives, was appropriate * has the power to deal with offences, which includes reprimand, imprisonment, imposing fines. For example, in 2016, Craig Thomson (one-time Australian Labor Party (ALP) Member for Dobell) was reprimanded for misleading the House of Representatives * parliamentary privilege grants particular rights and immunities to MPs, enabling the Houses of the Parliament to carry out their functions to debate and to legislate, and parliamentary privilege assists and protects these functions | |

1. Explain how party discipline can erode the integrity of the committee system’s role in the legislative process of the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Demonstrates an understanding of the meaning of party discipline  Explains a link between party discipline and the erosion of integrity of the committee system’s role in the legislative process, which could be an example | 3 |
| Outlines information that shows a link between party discipline and the erosion of integrity of the committee system’s role in the legislative process | 2 |
| Makes a statement concerning party discipline **or** the role of the committee system in the legislative process | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Party discipline:   * the expectation that MPs publicly support the party * that MPs vote with their party on all occasions except when a conscience vote is allowed   Legislative committee reports too often split along party lines rather than deliver an objective assessment of the legislation | |

1. With reference to an example, explain the role of the judiciary in terms of parliamentary accountability.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Makes the role of the judiciary apparent in terms of judicial review  Defines judicial review  Uses a relevant example in the explanation regarding judicial review and  parliamentary accountability | 5 |
| Makes the role of the judiciary apparent in terms of judicial review  Uses a relevant example in the explanation regarding judicial review and parliamentary accountability | 3−4 |
| Refers to judicial review  **and/or** cites a relevant example related to judicial review and parliamentary  accountability | 1−2 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Judicial review: the process by which the High Court can review Commonwealth legislation in terms of its constitutionality, i.e. it is within the powers of the Commonwealth Parliament to legislate  Examples include:   * *Williams v Commonwealth*  No 2 2014 * *British American Tobacco Australasia Limited & Ors v Commonwealth (Tobacco Plain Packaging)* 2012 | |

**Question 3**

1. Outline **two** elements associated with legislation.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Outlines two elements associated with legislation | 2 |
| Outlines one element associated with legislation | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Legislation:   * a proposed bill * a bill that has passed through various stages in each house of parliament * an Act that has been passed/enacted by the Commonwealth Parliament * Royal assent | |

1. Outline the role of the Federation Chamber (Main Committee) of the Commonwealth Parliament and explain how its existence helps to promote parliamentary accountability.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Outlines the role of the Federation Chamber  Explains the link between the Federation Chamber and parliamentary accountability | 3 |
| Outlines the role of the Federation Chamber  Attempts to link the Federation Chamber and parliamentary accountability | 2 |
| Outlines the role of the Federation Chamber  **or** makes a statement concerning the Federation Chamber and parliamentary accountability | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Federation Chamber of the Parliament (1994 Main Committee/name change 2012):   * considers legislation on reference from the House of Representatives * debates legislation, which includes making amendments * provides additional opportunities for MPs to speak on matters of own choosing.   How it helps to promote parliamentary accountability:   * more MPs can speak on bills/reports of a non-controversial nature, therefore, more legislation is being debated/considered * it allows more time in the House of Representatives for debate on other matters, therefore, there is more accountability * it allows for a more effective use of legislative time and therefore, more accountability. | |

1. Define the gag and the guillotine and discuss how their use during the legislative process may compromise parliamentary accountability.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Defines the gag  Defines the guillotine  Discusses their use in the legislative process  Makes links to parliamentary accountability  Provides an example to discuss their use and parliamentary accountability | 5 |
| Defines the gag  Defines the guillotine  Discusses their use in the legislative process  **and/or** attempts to make a link to parliamentary accountability | 3−4 |
| Defines the gag  **and/or** defines the guillotine  **and/or** discusses their use in the legislative process  **or** makes a general statement concerning the gag and/or guillotine and parliamentary accountability | 1−2 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Gag: a parliamentary device/tactic used by the government to end a debate (so that the member can no longer be heard)  Guillotine: a parliamentary device/tactic used by the government to impose a time limit (usually two hours) on debate. It is usually announced in advance by the government  Bills and the use of the gag and guillotine:   * *Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill* (No 3) 2012(Bill in response to *Williams v Commonwealth* 2012 HCA 23) * Media legislation 2013 (Conroy) * Howard Anti-Terror legislation 2005 | |

# Sample assessment task

# Politics and Law – ATAR Year 12

## Task 9 – Unit 4

# **Assessment type:** Essay

**Conditions**

Time for the task: 50 minutes

In class under test conditions

**Task weighting**

8% of the school mark for this pair of units

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‘Groups within Australia have not always experienced full political and legal rights.’ **(25 marks)**

Evaluate this claim with respect to women in Australia.

# Marking key for sample assessment task 9 – Unit 4

‘Groups within Australia have not always experienced full political and legal rights.’

Evaluate this claim with respect to women in Australia.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| **Part B: In-class validation essay** | |
| **Explains relevant terms and outlines parameters of discussion** | |
| Explains all relevant terms and outlines parameters of discussion | 5 |
| Explains some of the terms and outlines parameters of discussion | 4 |
| Indicates what will be addressed in the discussion | 3 |
| Attempts to provide a focus for discussion | 2 |
| Makes a general statement concerning the topic/claim | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **5** |
| **Discussion of relevant issues, including pertinent examples** | |
| Discusses relevant issues comprehensively, using a well-structured format and supportive examples in a cohesive, logical sequence and uses relevant political and legal terminology | 9–10 |
| Discusses some relevant issues, incorporating some examples in a cohesive, logical sequence and uses relevant political and legal terminology | 7–8 |
| Provides limited discussion with limited examples in a logical sequence and uses relevant political and legal terminology | 5–6 |
| Provides limited discussion of the issues with limited political and legal terminology | 3–4 |
| Makes general statements concerning the topic | 1–2 |
| **Subtotal** | **10** |
| **Evaluation/assessment/analysis** | |
| Evaluates/assesses/analyses the claim using specific evidence, which demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the topic | 7 |
| Evaluates/assesses/analyses the claim using appropriate evidence, which demonstrates an understanding of the topic | 6 |
| Evaluates/assesses/analyses the claim using some evidence, which demonstrates some understanding of the topic | 5 |
| Constructs a relevant, but weak evaluation/assessment/analysis | 4 |
| Constructs a weak evaluation/assessment/analysis | 3 |
| Provides limited evaluation/assessment/analysis | 2 |
| Does not provide an evaluation/assessment/analysis, only a statement | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **7** |
| **Conclusion** | |
| Draws together the argument, linking the evidence | 3 |
| Summarises the argument | 2 |
| Makes general/superficial statements | 1 |
| **Subtotal** | **3** |
| **Total** | **25** |
| **Relevant terms and parameters of discussion:**   * full political and legal rights in Australia * women and political rights in Australia over time * women and legal rights in Australia over time * differentiate between Indigenous and non-Indigenous women   **Issues, including pertinent examples:**   * the franchise: various States and the Commonwealth * right to stand as a candidate for election to Parliaments: States and Commonwealth * examples of when women were actually elected compared to when eligible to be elected * women on juries in various States * women within marriage * property rights (*Yerkey v Jones* (1939) 63 CLR 649; *Garcia v National Australia Bank* (1998) 194 CLR 395) * rape * employment law and women: * wage rates * marriage and continued employment * superannuation * domestic violence, women and the law * *Sex Discrimination Act (1984)* and earlier State legislation * specific court decisions and legislation as examples   **Evaluation:**   * Presents a reasoned, balanced and coherent evaluation of the claim that women in Australia have not always experienced full political and legal rights, perhaps making reference to the differences between the law and practice and different groups of women, using relevant political and legal terminology * Presents a conclusion, based on the evidence, on whether or not women have always experienced full political and legal rights in Australia | |

# Sample assessment task

# Politics and Law – ATAR Year 12

## Task 2 – Unit 3

# **Assessment type:** Source analysis

**Conditions**

Time for the task: 50 minutes

In class under test conditions

**Task weighting**

10% of the school mark for this pair of units

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Read the source and answer the questions that follow. **(20 marks)**

While the number of amendments moved by private members in the House of Representatives increased in the 43rd Parliament, so too did the number of private members’ bills … Up until 30 June 2012, forty-four private members’ bills were introduced into the House of Representatives, the highest number since Federation in 1901. Four have become law. By comparison, during the previous two-year period, 10 private members’ bills were presented to the House and none received assent. In fact, between 1901 and 2010 only 19 non-government bills passed into law.

The rise in private members’ bills is due in part to procedural changes introduced under the *Agreement for a Better Parliament: Parliamentary Reform*, which increased opportunities for private members to participate in the work of the Parliament. This included setting aside time during the government business in the chamber for private members’ bills to be voted on … While procedural changes have had an effect …, clearly a minority government, reliant on the support of the crossbench to get its legislation through the Parliament, is much more likely to consider and even pass bills proposed by private members than a government with a comfortable majority.

The extract is from a research paper, *The impact of minority government on executive dominance and legal scrutiny in the 43rd Parliament,* produced in 2012.

1. Explain what a ‘private member’ is within the Commonwealth Parliament. (2 marks)

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1. With reference to the source, explain **two** reasons for the rise in private members’ bills in the Commonwealth Parliament. (4 marks)

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1. Making reference to particular legislation, discuss the influence of non-governmental parties on legislation in the Commonwealth Parliament. (6 marks)

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1. With reference to at least **one** pressure group, evaluate the influence of pressure groups in the legislative process of the Commonwealth Parliament. (8 marks)

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# Marking key for sample assessment task 2 – Unit 3

1. Explain what a ‘private member’ is within the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Explains what a private member is, which may include an example | 2 |
| Makes a general statement concerning a private member  **or** gives an example of a private member | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| * is an elected member of the Commonwealth Parliament * is not a minister/does not sit on the front bench of the Commonwealth Parliament, that is any member of the Opposition, a member of a minor party or an Independent MP. | |

1. With reference to the source, explain **two** reasons for the rise in private members’ bills in the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Identifies, from the source, two reasons for the rise in private members’ bills  Explains one/two of the reasons identified | 3−4 |
| Identifies, from the source, two reasons for the rise in private members’ bills  **or** identifies and explains one reason | 2 |
| Identifies, from the source, one reason for the rise in private members’ bills | 1 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Reasons, from the source, for the rise in private members’ bills:   * procedural changes introduced under the *Agreement for a Better Parliament: Parliamentary Reform* * minority government and its reliance on the crossbench. | |

1. Making reference to particular legislation, discuss the influence of non-governmental parties on legislation in the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Makes reference to particular legislation  Cites specific actions of non-governmental parties in the legislative process  Discusses the influence (outcome) of the actions on the legislation | 5−6 |
| Makes reference to legislation  Makes general reference to actions of non-governmental parties in the legislative process  Outlines the influence (outcome) of the actions on legislation | 3−4 |
| Makes reference to legislation  **and/or** outlines the influence (outcome) of non-governmental parties on legislation | 1−2 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Legislation and influence could include any bill that non-governmental parties have introduced, amended, forced to committee or rejected (balance of power) in either House of the Commonwealth Parliament. For example:   * *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011* was introduced in the House of Representatives by Adam Bandt (GRN) and co-sponsored by Maria Vamvakinou (ALP) * *Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012* introduced in the Senate by Senator Rachel Siewert (GRN). | |

1. With reference to at least **one** pressure group, evaluate the influence of pressure groups in the legislative process of the Commonwealth Parliament.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| Makes specific reference to at least one pressure group  Discusses the actions taken by pressure groups in the legislative process  Makes an evaluation of the influence of pressure groups in the legislative process, based on the evidence provided | 7−8 |
| Makes specific reference to at least one pressure group  Discusses the actions taken by pressure groups in the legislative process  Makes a statement, rather than an evaluation, of the influence of pressure groups in the legislative process | 5−6 |
| Makes general reference to at least one pressure group  Discusses, in general, actions taken by pressure groups in the legislative process  Makes a statement concerning the influence of pressure groups in the legislative process | 3−4 |
| Makes a general statement concerning the actions taken by pressure groups in the legislative process  **and/or** makes a general statement concerning the influence of pressure groups in the legislative process | 1−2 |
| **Answer could include, but is not limited to:** | |
| Reference to a pressure group involved in the legislative process of the Commonwealth Parliament, such as Electronics Frontier Australia; Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, Australian Council of Social Service, Australian Council of Trade Unions  Actions by pressure groups:   * making submissions to a legislative/standing committee concerning particular legislation in terms of amendment, support or repeal of legislation * direct action or submissions on issues papers that may lead to legislation or the repeal of legislation in the Commonwealth Parliament. For example: * the Minerals Council ran an advertising campaign opposing the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and Resources Super Profits Tax in 2010 * Australian Medical Association and child vaccination campaign led to the *Social Services Legislation Amendment* *(No Jab, No Pay)* *Act 201*5 which resulted in changes to the Family Tax benefit. | |

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