What does that mean?

Museum of Australian Democracy – GLOSSARY

**budget** – the government’s yearly announcement about how it is going to be spending the country’s money

**chamber** – a large debating room with elected representatives and senators; refers to the House of Representatives or the Senate

**cockies** – farmers, usually with smaller properties (Australian slang)

**discourteous** – rude, impolite

**House attendants** – people who help Members of Parliament by bringing them documents, stationery and drinking water, and by carrying messages

**Hawke, Bob** – Prime Minister of Australia (Labor), 1983-91, and last one to work in Old Parliament House

**King’s Hall** – a large central space in Old Parliament House, used for important ceremonies; open to the general public. Named for King George V, whose statue is in the hall

**Mace** – a symbol of parliamentary authority in House of Representatives Chamber, originally a medieval weapon

**Nelson, Lord** – famous British admiral during the Napoleonic Wars in the early 1800s

**order!** – the Speaker calling for better behaviour (or silence) from members

**out of order** – against the rules

**Peacock, Andrew** – Leader of the Opposition (Liberal), 1983-85, 1989-90

**point of order** – one member of parliament (MP) telling the Speaker that someone else has broken the rules

**Royal Arms** – the British coat of arms, featuring a lion (England) and a unicorn (Scotland); also the coat of arms of the British Royal Family

**Serjeant-at-Arms** – the person in charge of the Mace, who helps the Speaker run the House of Representatives

**Sinclair, Ian** – leader of the National Party, 1984-89

**Speaker** – the person in charge of keeping order in the House of Representatives Chamber

**telegram** – an old way of delivering messages over long distances; a bit like text messaging, except that you had to visit the post office and paid for it by the word

**Victory** – Lord Nelson’s ship at the Battle of Trafalgar (1805), one of the most famous naval battles of all time; still in use today

**Westminster, Palace of** – the meeting place of the British Parliament, commonly called the Houses of Parliament

**Westminster system** – the system of government used in the United Kingdom (Great Britain), and in many former British colonies