

Political terminology

✓ Match the following words and expressions with their definition, and then give the Italian equivalent of each of them:

a) Attorney General	b) Backbencher	c) Chancellor of the Exchequer
d) Congressman	e) constituency	f) Department of Defence
g) Department of Health and Human Services	h) Department of State	
i) Foreign Secretary	j) Frontbencher	k) Home Office
l) House of Representatives	m) Ministry of the Interior	n) Speaker

Definitions	Corresponding words / expressions	Italian equivalent
1) [UK] a cabinet minister who is responsible for a country's dealings with other countries. US equivalent <i>Secretary of State</i>		
2) a government ministry typically responsible for policing, national security, supervision of local governments, conduct of elections, public administration and immigration matters		
3) [UK] the national department responsible for the maintenance of law and order, immigration control, and all other domestic affairs not specifically assigned to another department		
4) the United States federal department concerned with national security		
5) [UK] who is responsible for all economic and financial matters, equivalent to the role of Minister of Finance or Secretary of the Treasury in other nations		
6) [US] a member of the Cabinet and as head of the Department of Justice is the top law enforcement officer and lawyer for the government		
7) the United States federal department that administers all federal programs dealing with health and welfare		
8) the United States federal department concerned with foreign policy		
9) (in the US) a male member of Congress, especially of the House of Representatives		

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10) (<i>British & Australian & New Zealand</i>) a Member of Parliament who does not hold office in the government or opposition		
11) an important member of the government or the opposition in the British parliament, who sits in the front rows of seats		
12) the presiding officer in any of numerous legislative bodies, including the House of Commons in Britain and Canada and the House of Representatives in the US, Australia, and New Zealand		
13) the largest part of Congress in the US, or of the Parliament in Australia, whose members are elected by the people of the country		
14) (especially UK) a district that elects its own representative to parliament		