

## chapter six **vocabulary**

A **REFERENDUM** allows eligible voters to vote on an issue proposed by the government.

**SUBSIDIES** are funds that the government gives to those who need help to participate in a program.

A **BILL** is a proposed law. It has to do with the province. When you want to suggest a bill you talk to your MLA (see Our MLA's).

A **CABINET MINISTER** is an elected representative who is in charge of a provincial government department.

An **ACT** is a bill that has been passed by the legislative assembly and signed by the Lieutenant Governor. It is also known as a law.

A **POLITICAL PARTY** is an organization made up of people who have similar points of view about how to govern.

Voting districts are called **CONSTITUENCIES**. Alberta is divided into different **CONSTITUENCIES** for federal elections.

A **CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY** is a system of government in which a monarchy is the head of state. In Canada the prime minister is the head of government.

The **SPEECH FROM THE THRONE** describes what the government plans to do during the upcoming session of the legislature.

**CONSTITUENTS** are the people living in the constituency that a member of government represents.

An **OPPOSITION MEMBER** is an elected member of the Legislative Assembly who is not a member of the party in power.