



# *Ministero dell'Interno*

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## **Art. 10, comma 3, lettera c) del Bando di Concorso – LISTENING**

### **LISTENING I**

#### **PARLIAMENT**

The Italian Parliament consists of two Houses: the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic. According to the principle of full bicameralism, the two Houses perform identical functions, but are independent of one another and meet in joint session only in the specific cases provided for by the Constitution. Their main function is to enact the laws of the country.

By virtue of the vote of confidence, which gives life to a new Government, the Houses establish the political guidelines that the Executive has to follow. The Government is accountable before Parliament, which submits interpellations and questions to the Government.

The election, inauguration and - as the case may be - impeachment of the President of the Republic, in addition to the election of one third of the judges of the Constitutional Court and one third of the members of the High Council of the Judiciary, are conducted by both Houses in joint sitting.

Both Houses are elected by direct and universal suffrage every five years. The only differences between them lie in the membership and the rules for the election of their members. The 630 deputies, who must be at least 25 years of age, are elected by all Italian citizens aged over 18. The 315 elected senators must be at least 40 years of age and their electors must be over 25. In addition to elected members, the Senate also includes life senators - who are appointed by the President of the Republic for outstanding achievements in the social, scientific, artistic or literary field - and the former Presidents of the Republic, who are senators for life by right unless they renounce the office.

#### **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Within twenty days of the general election, the Senate must hold its first sitting, which is presided over by the most senior senator by age. At their first session, the senators elect a new President of the Senate by secret ballot. For the first two ballots, an absolute majority of all the Senators is required, but if this majority is not obtained, a third ballot takes place, for which an absolute majority of the members present is sufficient.

The President of the Senate holds an important office as the representative of the Senate and the second highest-ranking officer of the Republic. He acts as President of the Republic when the President is unable to perform his functions.

The President of the Senate chairs the debates, decides on the admissibility of bills, motions and questions, puts motions to the House, sets the voting timetable and proclaims the result of votes. He presides over the work of the Senate bodies, enforces the Rules, oversees the functions attributed to the Quaestors and Secretaries, and ensures the smooth running of the administrative machinery.



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#### EXERCISE 1

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1) What is meant by “principle of bicameralism”?
- 2) What is the difference in the membership of the two Houses of Parliament?
- 3) How is the President of the Senate elected?
- 4) What are the main functions of the President of the Senate?

#### EXERCISE 2

**Complete the following sentences by filling in the gaps (with one or more words):**

- The Italian Parliament consists of (A) .....
- By virtue of (B) ....., which gives life to a new Government, the Houses establish the political guidelines that the Executive has to follow.
- The 630 deputies, who must be at least (C) ....., are elected by all Italian citizens aged over (D) .....
- The President of the Senate acts as President of the Republic when (E) .....