



**Otázka:** The UK political system

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## THE UK POLITICAL SYSTEM

- **It is parliamentary and constitutional monarchy**
- **It is democracy**, in which the country is governed by representatives of the people, Parliament, but the official head of state is **the sovereign**
- **The rules** which govern the political system are not be found in any single constitutional document. Many of them are customs or conventions. The whole system is very adaptable.
- **The constitution is made up of:**
  - **statue law( acts of Parliament)**
  - **common law(law of precedent)**
  - **conventions(European legislation)**
- **Political power is divided into three branches:** legislative, executive, judicial.

## Chief Governmental institutions

- **Parliament**- chief of legislative body
- **Central Government**- represents executive power
- **Law Courts**- Judicial power



## Legislative branch

### The Parliament

- the supreme legislative authority, **legislative branch**
- **consists of two Houses:** 1)The House of Lords and 2)the House of Commons(lidu)
- The U.K is a unitary state. **All four countries of the UK are represented in the Parliament at Westminster in London.**

#### 1)The House of Lords

- it is a relic
- consists of :
  - **the Lords Spiritual:** the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York and 24 senior bishops
  - **the Lords Temporal:** hereditary peers, 300 life peers , 20 law lords,

Lords of APPEAL.

#### 2)The House of Commons

- **consists of 650 salaried members**
- elected for 5 years
- each member represents a constituency – the chairman of the House of Commons is the Speaker, who is elected at the ..beginning of each new Parliamentary session by the Members of Parliament.
- **chief officer: Speaker**
- **Main functions** :are debating, passing laws and examiningthe actions of the Government.

### The Executive branch



## The British Government

- **is the supreme executive authority**, the executive branch
  - consist of the Prime Minister, who is leader of the Government party and other ministers.
  - The Government is answerable to Parliament.
  - consist of over 80 members
  - **executive power is in the hands of the Cabinet**, a group of about 20 ministers, chosen by the Prime Minister from the members of his party.
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- **The Prime Minister lives and works at his official residence at No. 10 Downing Street.**

## The Sovereign- The Queen

- **is the formal head of the UK and the Commonwealth** (britské společenství národů) the armed forces, the system of justice, and of the Anglican Church.
- The Queen formally summons Parliament and has also the right to dissolve(rozpustit)it, signs laws.
- She opens the sessions of Parliament in the House of Lords..etc
- **The present sovereign is Elisabeth II.** The Queen has four children: Charles, Anne, Andrew, Edward.

## The Judicial branch

- is headed by **the Highest court** made up of 10 law lords, who are members of the House of Lords.

## Political parties (2 party system)

- **The Conservative Party** - it is right of centre



- The Labour Party- it is left of centre
- **The Liberal democratic party**