

Jubilee Head of State Sort Cards

Royal Assent is required by the monarch at the end of the law making process for Statute law, converting 'Bills' in to 'Acts of Parliament'.

The UK is a democracy and ran by the UK elected Government but there is still a 'constitutional monarchy'.

The Head of State is the UK's representative when they visit other countries.

Legally the monarch can decline to give assent for laws but assent has not been withheld since 1708.

The monarch remains strictly neutral with respect to political matters, (by convention, the monarch does not vote or stand for election)

Queen Elizabeth II has represented the UK on 110 foreign visits, across six continents.

The queen holds important meetings called the Privy Council.

The Head of State is also the Head of the Commonwealth.

The PM keeps the monarch informed of political matters on a weekly basis and they can offer council in return. These are called 'Audiences'.

The monarch informs the legislature of the Government's plans in their speech at the State Opening of Parliament.