

Part 2 - Accession

So we are here inside the throne room, and as you can see behind me, the clue is there to tell us that the throne room here at St James's Palace, and the reason we're, why we refer to St James's Palace as the official seat of the British monarchy is there. It's the royal throne.

Now, here in the throne room, it plays a key role in the accession ceremony. Part two takes place here, and that's where the new sovereign meets the Privy Council for the first time.

So on the 10 September 2022, his Majesty King Charles III walked through the doors just behind me and met the members of the Privy Council.

Remember, those members are government ministers, past prime ministers, so people that hold important positions within government. And the purpose of this meeting, this first meeting is for the King to make some declarations, some promises, if you like, as to the things that he will uphold as part of his new and as part of his role as our new head of state.