Women in parliament and politics: a quick guide to key internet links

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This Quick Guide provides direct links to key websites, information and documents relating to:

Women in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia
Women in the State and Territory Parliaments
Women in politics
Overseas parliaments
Other resources on women in parliament and politics

Apart from its own research products the Parliamentary Library has no control over, and does not maintain, information published by other organisations and websites.

Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia
Composition of Australian Parliaments by Party and Gender: statistics maintained by the Parliamentary Library
Women in the current Parliament: data maintained by the Parliamentary Library
Women in the Senate: Senate Brief No 3, December 2015
Women in Federal Parliament: Department of the Senate
Electoral milestones for women: Australian Electoral Commission
Women and government in Australia: Australian Bureau of Statistics
State and territory Parliaments

**Australian Capital Territory**

How many members of the Eighth Legislative Assembly are female?

Women of the Assembly, 1989-present

**New South Wales**

Women Members in the NSW Parliament: current statistics

Women in Parliament

Women Members of the NSW Parliament, 1925-present

Number of Women Members in the NSW Parliament, 1973-2015

Women in Parliament—History

**Queensland**

Current Members: select ‘Female’ under ‘view options’

Women in the Queensland Parliament, 1860–present

Women’s right to vote in Queensland

**South Australia**

Women in politics in South Australia

Political and social rights for women

Women and politics in South Australia: In Parliament

Chronology of Women’s Suffrage in South Australia

**Tasmania**

Women Members of the Tasmanian Parliament: current and historical lists

Tasmanian Women State Government Ministers: current and historical lists

Female franchise and firsts—Tasmania

Political timeline—Tasmanian women

**Victoria**

Women in Parliament

Current Members: select ‘Sex F-M’ under ‘order by’

Former Members: select ‘Female’ under ‘Gender’

**Western Australia**

Women Members of the Western Australian Parliament


**Women in politics**

Australian Women’s Timeline

Australian women in politics: Australian Government series

**Political parties**

Australian Greens: Women

Australian Labor Party: National Platform (see Part B: Rules, p. 239) | Emily’s List Australia

Liberal Party of Australia: Liberal women

The Nationals: The Nationals Women
Overseas parliaments

**Canada**
- Women in Parliament
- Women in the Senate: current list
- Women by party in the Senate: current list
- Women in the House of Commons: current and historical lists
- Women by party in the House of Commons: current list
- Women members of the ministry: current and historical lists
- Current provincial and territory party standings
- Women candidates in general elections, 1921 to date
- Women’s right to vote in Canada
- Women—federal political representation, 1867 to date

**New Zealand**
- New Zealand women and the vote: suffrage and beyond
  - Current Members: select ‘Gender’ and ‘Female’ under ‘Display MPs by’

**United Kingdom and Northern Ireland**
- Women in Parliament and Government
  - General Election 2015: Women Candidates, see p. 58
  - Members of the House of Lords: Select ‘Gender’ and ‘Female’ under ‘Lords by’
  - Female Members of the House of Commons: current list
  - Women in the House of Commons
  - Women in the House of Lords
  - Parliament and women

**United States of America**
- Membership of the 113th Congress: a profile
  - Mapping Congress: select ‘Women in Congress’ under ‘Choose type of data to display’
  - Women in the Senate
  - Women in Congress
  - Women in the United States Congress, 1917–2013: biographical and committee assignment information, and listings by state and congress
Other resources

**Australia**

**Australian Government Office for Women**: part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; aims to ensure a whole-of-government approach to providing better economic and social outcomes for women

**Inter-Parliamentary Union**: For information on Australian female Parliamentarians by Chamber, select ‘Australia’ and ‘Women’, then ‘Search’

**Women in local government**: the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) promotes the work of women in local government | **Women in politics**: published by ALGA to support the 2010 Year of Women in Local Government

**Australian Women’s Register**: search for information about Australian women and their organisations, including references to archival resources

Women’s Constitutional Conventions: 1998 and 2002: compiled by **Women for An Australian Republic**

**Around the world**

**UN Women**: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

**Women in national parliaments**: the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) maintains statistics for global regions and national parliaments | **Women in politics bibliographic database**: search for books and articles dealing with women in politics

**Democracy and gender**: International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) promotes gender equality in democracy building | **quotaProject**: search a global database of countries with electoral quotas for women

**International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics)**: a network of women in politics sharing experiences, resources and advice, and collaborating on issues of interest

**Gender Equality: a cornerstone of development**: the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) promotes gender equality and women’s empowerment

**Worldwide Guide to Women in Leadership**: information compiled about women leaders worldwide

**International conventions and agreements**

**The Convention on the Political Rights of Women** adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1952; ratified by Australia in 1974

**The Convention of the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women** (CEDAW) adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1979; ratified by Australia in 1983

– **Optional Protocol to the CEDAW** adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2000

**Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** adopted by the UN in 1995 includes a specific objective relating to ‘Women in power and decision-making’


**Plan of Action for Gender-Sensitive Parliaments** adopted by the IPU Assembly in October 2012

**Promote gender equality and empower women**: Goal 3 of the UN Millennium Development Goals adopted in 2010

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