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Composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender: a quick guide

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This quick guide contains the most recent tables showing the composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender (see Table 1 and Table 2 below). It takes into account changes to the Commonwealth parliament and the parliaments of New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia since the last update was published on 19 December 2016.

Commonwealth

- Senator Cory Bernardi (SA) announced that he had resigned from the Liberal Party and would sit on the Senate crossbench.
- The Commonwealth figures include two vacancies in the Senate following the resignation of Bob Day (Family First Party, SA), and the disqualification of Rod Culleton (Ind., WA).

New South Wales

- The New South Wales figures include two vacancies following the resignations of Mike Baird (LP, Manly) and Kathy Smith (ALP, Gosford). Jillian Skinner (LP, North Shore) has announced that she will retire from politics, but has [not yet formally resigned](#).

Queensland

- Steve Dickson (LNP, Buderim) announced his resignation from the Liberal National Party to become a member of Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

Western Australia

- The figures for Western Australia (WA) include three vacancies in the Legislative Council after three members—Paul Brown (NATS), Peter Katsambanis (LP) and Amber-Jade Sanderson (ALP)—resigned to contest lower house seats in the upcoming WA election.

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Table 1: Composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender (by chamber), as at 20 February 2017

(includes any by-election results and any casual vacancies filled since the most recent general election in each jurisdiction)

	Cth (2.7.16)			NSW (28.3.15)			Vic. (29.11.14)			Qld (31.1.15)			WA (9.3.13)			SA (15.3.14)			Tas. (15.3.14)			ACT (15.10.16)			NT (27.8.16)			Total																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F			
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ALP	52	43	45.3	29	16	35.6	34	27	44.3	25	17	40.5	17	14	45.2	21	11	34.4	5	4	44.4	5	7	58.3	9	9	50.0	197	148	42.9
LP	65	18	21.7	38	10	20.8	32	12	27.3				35	10	22.2	24	5	17.2	11	6	35.3	6	5	45.5				211	66	23.8
NATS	18	3	14.3	18	5	21.7	7	3	30.0				8	3	27.3													51	14	21.5
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ASP							1		100.0																			1		100.0
CDP				2		0.0																						2		0.0
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V1LJ							1																					1		0.0
IND	2	1	33.3	3		0.0		1	100.0	3		0.0				2		0.0	8	3	27.3				3	2	40.0	21	7	25.0
Total	150	74	33.0	98	35	26.3	78	50	39.1	63	25	28.4	64	28	30.4	51	18	26.1	24	16	40.0	12	13	52.0	13	12	48.0	553	271	32.9

Politics and Public Administration Section; Commonwealth Parliamentary Library.

Compiled using data from state and territory parliament websites.

NOTES

(1) Date shown beside each jurisdiction is for the latest general election.

(2) Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory do not have an Upper House.

(3) Commonwealth figures include two vacancies in the Senate following the resignation of Bob Day (FFP) and disqualification of Rod Culleton (Ind.).

(4) New South Wales figures include two vacancies in the Legislative Assembly following the resignations of Mike Baird (LP) and Kathy Smith (ALP).

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LEGEND

ALP - Australian Labor Party; LP - Liberal Party; NATS - Nationals; LNP - Liberal National Party (Qld); CLP - Country Liberal Party; GRN - Greens;

IND - independents (various); IND LIB - Independent Liberal; AJP - Animal Justice Party; ASP - Australian Sex Party; CDP - Christian Democratic Party;

d4d - Dignity for Disability; DHJP - Derryn Hinch's Justice Party; DLP - Democratic Labor Party; FFP - Family First Party; JLN - Jacqui Lambie Network;

LDP - Liberal Democratic Party; NXT - Nick Xenophon Team; PHON - Pauline Hanson's One Nation; SFF - Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; V1LJ - Vote 1 Local Jobs.