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History Notes: Women MPs in the 41st Parliament of Western Australia  
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# Women MPs in the 41st Parliament of Western Australia

For the first time in WA history, there are now more women (30) than men (29) in the Legislative Assembly of the WA Parliament. Following the election of Magenta Marshall at the by-election for Rockingham, 29 July 2023, 50.8% of MPs are now women in the lower house. There are 45 women MPs (47.3%) in the current parliament since the election of Louise Kingston on 19 September 2023.



Caitlin Collins, the 100th woman WA parliamentarian being sworn into the Parliament of Western Australia, 29 April 2021.

*"It is in honour of Edith Cowan, not only as the first woman to be elected to this place exactly 100 years ago, but also for paving the long road to the realisation of women's value in the workplace and society. By no more than a quirk of statistics, I am honoured to be the 100th woman to be sworn in to the Parliament of Western Australia."*

Caitlin Collins

Parliamentary Debates  
(WA Hansard)

4 May 2021

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## Women Members in the Legislative Assembly, as at 9 August 2023

No.	Name	Party	Electorate	Date Elected
1	Lisa Loraine Baker	ALP	Maylands	6 September 2008
2	Merome Beard	Lib	North West Central	17 September 2022
3	Hannah Mary Beazley	ALP	Victoria Park	13 March 2021
4	Robyn Marjorie Jane Clarke	ALP	Murray-Wellington	11 March 2017
5	Caitlin Mary Collins	ALP	Hillarys	13 March 2021
6	Lara Dalton	ALP	Geraldton	13 March 2021
7	Divina Grace D'Anna	ALP	Kimberley	13 March 2021
8	Mia Jane Davies	Nat	Central Wheatbelt	9 March 2013
9	Kim Elizabeth Giddens	ALP	Bateman	13 March 2021
10	Emily Louise Hamilton	ALP	Joondalup	11 March 2017
11	Meredith Jane Hammat	ALP	Mirrabooka	13 March 2021
12	Jodie Louise Hanns	ALP	Collie-Preston	13 March 2021
13	Elizabeth (Jane) Jane Kelsbie	ALP	Warren-Blackwood	13 March 2021
14	Alison (Ali) Elizabeth Kent	ALP	Kalgoorlie	13 March 2021
15	Magenta Rose Marshall	ALP	Rockingham	29 July 2023
16	Simone Frances McGurk	ALP	Fremantle	9 March 2013
17	Elizabeth (Libby) Mettam	Lib	Vasse	18 October 2014
18	Lisa Anne Munday	ALP	Dawesville	13 March 2021
19	Lisa Margaret O'Malley	ALP	Bicton	11 March 2017
20	Margaret Mary Quirk	ALP ALP	Girrawheen Landsdale	10 February 2001 13 March 2021
21	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	ALP ALP	Glendalough Midland	19 March 1994 14 December 1996
22	Cassandra (Cassie) Michelle Rowe	ALP	Belmont	11 March 2017
23	Rita Saffioti	ALP	West Swan	6 September 2008
24	Amber-Jade Sanderson	ALP	Morley	11 March 2017
25	Jessica Jane Shaw	ALP	Swan Hills	11 March 2017

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### Women Members in the Legislative Assembly continued

No.	Name	Party	Electorate	Date Elected
26	Rebecca Sue Stephens	ALP	Albany	13 March 2021
27	Jessica Mary Christine Stojkovski	ALP	Kingsley	11 March 2017
28	Dr Katrina Stratton	ALP	Nedlands	13 March 2021
29	Christine Maelisa Tonkin	ALP	Churchlands	13 March 2021
30	Sabine Elisabeth Winton	ALP	Wanneroo	11 March 2017

### Notes

1. Merome Beard was elected at a by-election for the seat of North West Central on 17 September 2022, following the resignation of Vincent Catania.
2. Magenta Marshall was elected at a by-election for the seat of Rockingham on 29 July 2023 , following the resignation of former premier, Mark McGowan.
3. Merome Beard resigned from the Nationals WA, 31 October 2023 and joined the Liberal Party on 7 November 2023.

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## Women Members in the Legislative Council, as at 19 September 2023

No.	Name	Party	Electorate	Date Elected
1	Klara Andric	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2021
2	Sandra Anne Carr	ALP	Agricultural	22 May 2021
3	Alanna Therese Clohesy	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2013
4	Catherine (Kate) Esther Doust	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2001
5	Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2001
6	Donna Evelyn Mary Faragher	Lib	East Metropolitan	22 May 2005
7	Lorna Harper	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2021
8	Jackie Jarvis	ALP	South West	22 May 2021
9	Louise Maree Kingston	Nat	South West	19 September 2023
10	Ayor Makur Chuot	ALP	North Metropolitan	22 May 2021
11	Sophia Moermond	LCWA	South West	22 May 2021
12	Shelley Nicole Payne	ALP	Agricultural	22 May 2021
13	Samantha Helen Rowe	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2013
14	Rosetta (Rosie) Sahanna	ALP	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2021
15	Sally Elizabeth Talbot	ALP	South West	22 May 2005

### Notes

1. Several MPs were first elected in a different house.
2. The Hon Mia Davies MLA was also an MLC from 22 May 2009 to 12 February 2013.
3. The Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA was also an MLC from 22 May 2013 to 5 February 2017.
4. The Hon Alannah MacTiernan was a member of the 41st Parliament until she resigned on 10 February 2023. She commenced her term as the MLC for the South West on 22 May 2021. She was also an MLC for the East Metropolitan Region from 22 May 1993 to 21 November 1996, then MLA for Armadale (Legislative Assembly) from 14 December 1996 until 20 July 2010.
5. The Hon Louise Kingston was elected to the Forty first Parliament for the South West Region on 19 September 2023 following a recount to fill the vacancy consequent upon the disqualification of James Hayward.

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### Women Members in the Cook Ministry: 41st Parliament, as of 8 December 2023

No.	Name	Portfolio
1.	Rita Saffioti	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Transport; Tourism (from 8 June 2023)
2.	Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery	Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests
3.	Simone Frances McGurk	Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations (from 8 December 2023)
4.	Amber-Jade Sanderson	Minister for Health; Mental Health
5.	Sabine Elisabeth Winton	Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services (from 14 December 2022)
6.	Jackie Jarvis	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business (from 14 December 2022 )
7.	Hannah Mary Beazley	Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development (from 8 December 2023)
8.	Jessica Mary Christine Stojkovski	Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations (from 8 June 2023)

### Total Number of Women Members in the 41st Parliament, as of 7 November 2023

House	ALP	Lib	GWA	LCWA	Nat	No. Women MPs	No. Men MPs	Total MPs	Percentage Women MPs
Legislative Assembly	27	2	0	0	1	30	29	59	50.8%
Legislative Council	12	1	0	1	1	15	21	36	41.6%
<b>Total</b>	39	3	0	1	2	45	50	95	47.36%

## Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
GWA	GreensWA
LCWA	Legalise Cannabis Western Australia Party
Lib	Liberal Party
Nat	National Party of Australia (Nationals WA)

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