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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 Tables 1 and 2 below). It takes into account changes to the Commonwealth and state/territory parliaments since the last update was published on 1 July 2019.

Commonwealth

In the Senate, following the resignation of [Mitch Fifield](#) (LIB, Vic.) on 16 August 2019, the resulting casual vacancy was filled by [Sarah Henderson](#), the former Liberal Member for Corangamite, Vic., who [was sworn in on 12 September 2019](#). With the appointment of Senator Henderson, the Senate now comprises 38 women and 38 men. This is the [first time in the Senate's history that it has had equal gender representation](#).

Victoria

The vacancy in the Legislative Council resulting from the [resignation of Philip Dalidakis](#) (ALP, Southern Metropolitan) on 17 June 2019 was [filled by Enver Erdogan](#) (ALP), who [was sworn in on 15 August 2019](#).

Western Australia

In the Legislative Assembly, Ian Blayney (Geraldton) [resigned from the Liberal Party](#) on 24 July 2019, [joining the Nationals on 17 August 2019](#).

Tasmania

In the House of Assembly, following the [resignation of Scott Bacon](#) (ALP, Clark) on 22 August 2019, a recount was held and [the vacancy was filled by Madeleine Ogilvie](#). Ms Ogilvie, a former ALP parliamentarian, [returned to parliament as an independent](#) and [was sworn in on 12 September 2019](#).

Australian Capital Territory

Following the [resignation of Meegan Fitzharris](#) (ALP, Yerrabi) on 8 July 2019, a recount was held and [the vacancy was filled by Deepak-Raj Gupta](#) (ALP), who [was sworn in on 30 July 2019](#).

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Table 1: Composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender (by chamber), as at 26 September 2019

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

	Cth (18.5.19)			NSW (23.3.19)			Vic. (24.11.18)			Qld (25.11.17)			WA (11.3.17)			SA (17.3.18)			Tas. (3.3.18)			ACT (15.10.16)			NT (27.8.16)			Total		
	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	M	F	%F
Lower House																														
ALP	40	28	41.2	19	17	47.2	30	25	45.5	25	23	47.9	25	15	37.5	12	7	36.8	2	7	77.8	6	6	50.0	7	9	56.3	166	137	45.2
LIB	48	13	21.3	25	10	28.6	17	4	19.0				10	3	23.1	21	4	16.0	8	5	38.5	5	6	54.5				134	45	25.1
NATS	14	2	12.5	10	3	23.1	4	2	33.3				5	1	16.7													33	8	19.5
LNP										32	6	15.8															32	6	15.8	
CA		1	100.0																								1	1	100.0	
CLP																								1	1	50.0	1	1	50.0	
GRN	1		0.0	1	2	66.7	2	1	33.3	1		0.0							2	100.0	1	1	50.0				6	6	50.0	
KAP	1		0.0							3		0.0															4		0.0	
PHON										1		0.0															1		0.0	
SFF				2	1	33.3																					2	1	33.3	
IND	1	2	66.7	3		0.0	1	2	66.7	1	1	50.0				2	1	33.3	1	100.0				5	2	28.6	13	9	40.9	
Total	105	46	30.5	60	33	35.5	54	34	38.6	63	30	32.3	40	19	32.2	35	12	25.5	10	15	60.0	12	13	52.0	13	12	48.0	392	214	35.3
Upper House																														
ALP	10	16	61.5	10	4	28.6	8	10	55.6				7	7	50.0	5	3	37.5	2	2	50.0							42	42	50.0
LIB	19	11	36.7	8	3	27.3	6	4	40.0				8	1	11.1	7	2	22.2		2	100.0							48	23	32.4
NATS	1	3	75.0	4	2	33.3		1	100.0				3	1	25.0													8	7	46.7
CLP		1	100.0																									1	100.0	
GRN	4	5	55.6	1	2	66.7		1	100.0				2	2	50.0	1	1	50.0										8	11	57.9
AJP				1	1	50.0	1		0.0																			2	1	33.3
ASA																1		0.0										1		0.0
CA	2		0.0																									2		0.0
CDP				1		0.0																						1		0.0
DHJP							1	1	50.0																			1	1	50.0
JLN		1	100.0																									1	100.0	
LDP								2		0.0			1		0.0													3		0.0
PHON	1	1	50.0	2		0.0							2		0.0													5	1	16.7
RV								1	100.0																			1	100.0	
SA							1		0.0																			1		0.0
SAB																1	1	50.0										1	1	50.0
SFF				2		0.0	1		0.0				1		0.0													4		0.0
TMP							1		0.0																			1		0.0
IND	1		0.0	1		0.0		1	100.0				1		0.0				5	4	44.4							8	5	38.5
Total	38	38	50.0	30	12	28.6	21	19	47.5				25	11	30.6	15	7	31.8	7	8	53.3						136	95	41.1	

Politics and Public Administration Section, Commonwealth Parliamentary Library.

Compiled using data from state and territory parliament and electoral commission websites.

