

# 30<sup>TH</sup> COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS (CWP) BUSINESS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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## CWP Data Paper on Women in Parliament

### (I) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since its establishment, the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) network has been recording data on the number of women Parliamentarians across the Commonwealth. Although this data has previously been used for internal purposes, in April 2024, for the first time the CWP has made the data publicly available on the CPA website. This was accompanied by a one-page Gender Statistic Leaflet on the numbers of women Parliamentarians in Legislatures across the Commonwealth.

This information has been collated and presented in the form of a poster for the Delegates at the CWP Business meeting that provides information on the levels of women's representation in the CPA's member parliaments and legislatures as of 25 September 2024.

### (II) CWP Data on Women in Parliament

Ahead of the CPC, the data on the number of women Parliamentarians across the Commonwealth was updated on the CPA website and can be accessed using the below links:

*Overview of the number of women in Commonwealth Parliaments*

<https://www.cpahq.org/our-networks/commonwealth-women-parliamentarians/numbers-of-women-in-parliaments-across-the-commonwealth/>

*CWP Gender Statistics Leaflet*

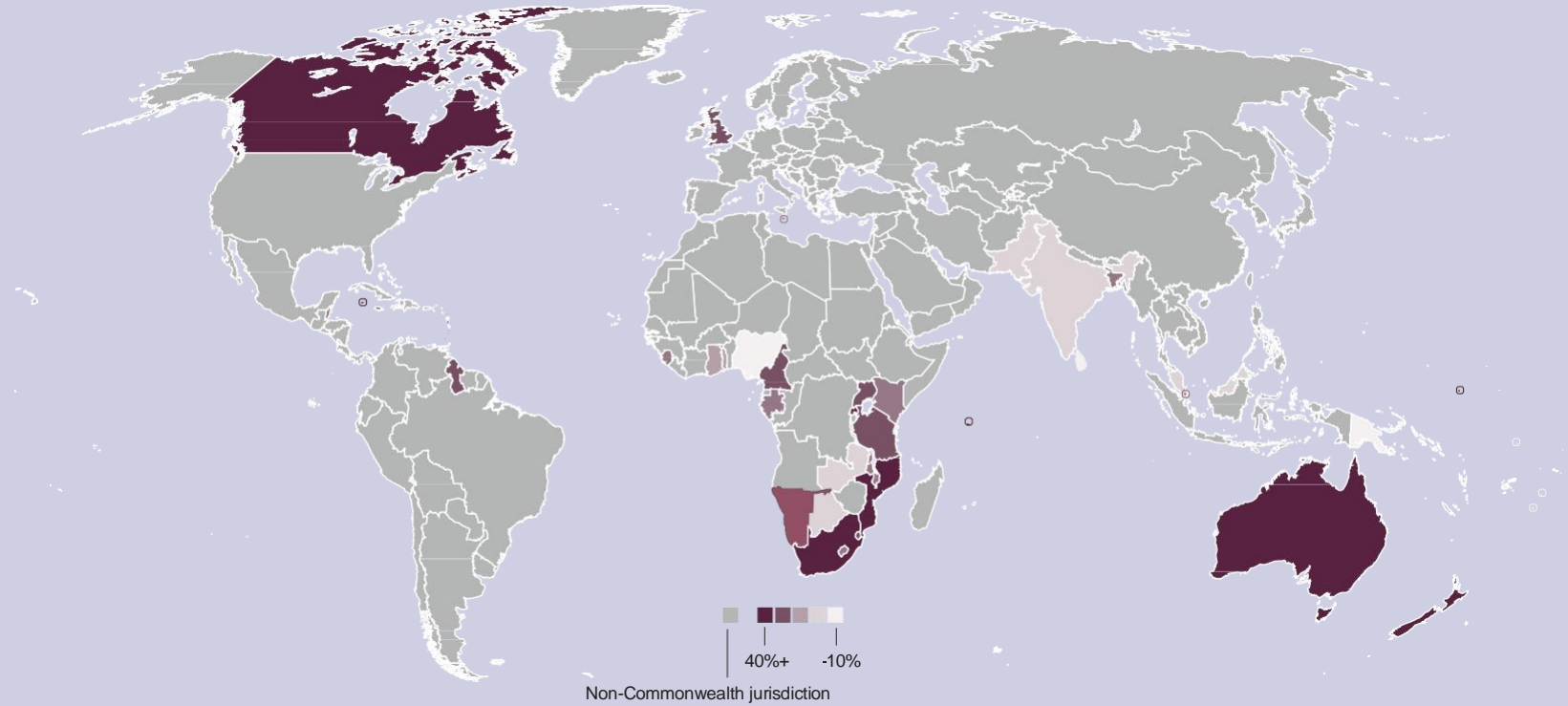
<https://www.cpahq.org/media/pqfbdoqv/cwp-gender-statistics-leaflet-september.pdf>

The updated Gender Statistics Leaflet includes rankings for women in Parliament in the nine CPA Regions, the top ten Legislatures for the percentage of women in Parliaments in both national Parliaments and across all Legislatures within the CPA's membership. Please find this annexed to this paper.

Delegates attending the CWP Business Meeting are urged to note the importance of

collecting this data for the CWP network as it shows how Commonwealth Parliaments are progressing in terms of representation, equality and equal rights, policymaking, role models, accountability and global development. The CPA Headquarters Secretariat strongly encourages Regional Secretariat in collaboration with Branches to share updated data with the CPA Headquarters Secretariat following any elections and/or by-elections.

REGION	AVERAGE PER-CENTAGE OF WOMEN
AUSTRALIA	44%
CANADA	43%
CAA	35%
BIM	29%
AFRICA	23%
PACIFIC	18%
ASIA	14%
SOUTH EAST ASIA	14%
INDIA	9%



LEGISLATURE	AVERAGE PER-CENTAGE OF WOMEN
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	52%
TASMANIA	51%
VICTORIA	50%
RWANDA	49%
AUSTRALIA FEDERAL	47%
QUEBEC	46%
SCOTLAND	45%
NEW ZEALAND	45%
SOUTH AFRICA	44%
NORTHERN CAPE	43%

NATIONAL LEGISLATURE	AVERAGE PER-CENTAGE OF WOMEN
RWANDA	49%
AUSTRALIA	47%
NEW ZEALAND	45%
SOUTH AFRICA	44%
MOZAMBIQUE	43%
CANADA	42%
GUYANA	39%
DOMINICA	37%
TANZANIA	37%
UNITED KINGDOM	34%

# PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

SEPTEMBER 2024

