

POLITICAL PARTIES — ELECTORAL ACT

1493. Hon Ben Dawkins to the parliamentary secretary to the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs:

I refer to my inaugural speech on 14 June 2023, and I ask:

- (a) how many political parties are in existence in Western Australia, and what are their names; and
- (b) how many political parties in Western Australia:
 - (i) are a “parliamentary party” as defined under section 62C(1) of the *Electoral Act 1907*, and what are their names;
 - (ii) are a “registered political party” as defined under section 62C(1) of the *Electoral Act 1907*, and what are their names; and
 - (iii) have at least one member of which is a member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the purpose of paragraph (c) of the definition of “existing party” under section 62J(1) of the *Electoral Act 1907*, and what are their names?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) how many political parties are in existence in Western Australia, and what are their names?

As at 28 July 2023, there are 23:

Animal Justice Party

Australian Christians (WA) currently registered as Australian Christians

Australian Citizens Party

Australian Democrats

Australian Labor Party (WA Branch) currently registered as WA Labor

Daylight Saving Party

Democratic Labour Party – WA Branch

Great Australian Party

Health Australia Party

Legalise Cannabis Western Australia Party

Liberal Democratic Party

Liberals For Climate – The Flux Network

National Party of Australia (WA) Inc currently registered as The Nationals WA

No Mandatory Vaccination Party

Pauline Hanson’s One Nation

Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party (WA)

Small Business Party

Social Security Recipients Party

Socialist Alliance WA

Sustainable Australia Party – Stop Overdevelopment/Corruption

The Greens (WA) Inc

The Liberal Party of Australia (WA Division) Inc currently registered as Liberal Party Western Australia
Western Australia Party

- (b) (i) how many political parties in Western Australia are a “parliamentary party” as defined under section 62C(1) and what are their names?

As at 28 July 2023, there are five:

Legalise Cannabis Western Australia Party

Liberal Party Western Australia

The Greens (WA) Inc

The Nationals WA

WA Labor

- (ii) how many political parties in Western Australia are a “registered political party” as defined under section 62C(1) and what are their names?

As at 28 July 2023, there are currently seven registered political parties:

Animal Justice Party

Australian Christians

Legalise Cannabis Western Australia Party

Liberal Party Western Australia

The Greens (WA) Inc

The Nationals WA

WA Labor

- (iii) how many political parties in Western Australia have at least one member of which is a member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth and what are their names?

None of the currently registered political parties in Western Australia have a member of the Parliament of Australia. However, four of the currently registered political parties in Western Australia are a State branch or division of a federally registered political party that does have at least one member of the Parliament of Australia.