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History Notes: Women in the 39th Parliament of Western Australia
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Eleni Evangel, Liberal candidate for Perth at Siena's Restaurant, Oxford Street, Leederville, 10 March 2013

by Philip Gostelow

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"Western Australia is a creative and talented state. I am a strong believer in and supporter of the arts...The benefits they present to our community are immeasurable. How can one place a dollar value on vibrancy, excitement, liveability and, most importantly in my opinion—opportunity?"

Ms E. Evangel (Perth)

Inaugural Speech

Hansard

16 April 2013

Women Members in the 39th Parliament of Western Australia

Women Members in the Legislative Assembly

| No | Name | Party | Electorate | Date Elected |
|----|--------------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Lisa Loraine Baker | ALP | Maylands | 6 September 2008 |
| 2 | Mia Jane Davies* | Nat | Central Wheatbelt | 9 March 2013 |
| 3 | Wendy Maxine Duncan | Nat | Kalgoorlie | 9 March 2013 |
| 4 | Eleni Evangel | Lib | Perth | 9 March 2013 |
| 5 | Janine Marie Freeman | ALP | Mirrabooka | 6 September 2008 |
| 6 | Liza Mary Harvey | Lib | Scarborough | 6 September 2008 |
| 7 | Josephine (Josie) Farrer | ALP | Kimberley | 9 March 2013 |
| 8 | Glenys Jenolan Godfrey | Lib | Belmont | 9 March 2013 |
| 9 | Simone Frances McGurk | ALP | Fremantle | 9 March 2013 |
| 10 | Elizabeth (Libby) Mettam | Lib | Vasse | 18 October 2014 |
| 11 | Andrea Ruth Mitchell | Lib | Kingsley | 6 September 2008 |
| 12 | Margaret Mary Quirk | ALP | Girrawheen | 10 February 2001 |
| 13 | Michelle Hopkins Roberts | ALP | Midland | 19 March 1994 |
| 14 | Rita Saffioti | ALP | West Swan | 6 September 2008 |

* The Hon Mia Davies was also an MLC from 22 May 2009 to 21 February 2013.

Women Members in the Barnett Ministry: 39th Parliament

| Name | Portfolio |
|--|--|
| Liza Mary Harvey | Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women's Interests |
| Helen Margaret Morton (until 31 March 2016) | Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection |
| Mia Jane Davies | Minister for Water; Sport and Recreation; Forestry; Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia (WA) |
| Donna Evelyn Mary Faragher | Minister for Planning; Disability Services |
| Andrea Ruth Mitchell | Minister for Mental Health; Child Protection |

Women Members in the 39th Parliament of Western Australia

Women Members in the Legislative Council

| No | Name | Party | Electorate | Date Elected |
|----|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Elizabeth (Liz) Lloyd Behjat | Lib | North Metropolitan | 22 May 2009 |
| 2 | Jacqui Ellen Boydell | Nat | Mining and Pastoral | 22 May 2013 |
| 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 | Adele Farina | ALP | South West | 22 May 2001 |
| 8 | Alyssa Kathleen Hayden | Lib | East Metropolitan | 22 May 2009 |
| 9 | Lynn Ellen MacLaren* | GWA | South Metropolitan | 22 May 2009 |
| 10 | Laine Courtney McDonald | ALP | North Metropolitan | 11 October 2016 |
| 11 | Robyn Mary McSweeney | Lib | South West | 22 May 2001 |
| 12 | Helen Margaret Morton | Lib | East Metropolitan | 22 May 2005 |
| 13 | Samantha Helen Rowe | ALP | East Metropolitan | 22 May 2013 |
| 14 | Amber-Jade Sanderson | ALP | East Metropolitan | 22 May 2013 |
| 15 | Sally Elizabeth Talbot | ALP | South West | 22 May 2005 |

* The Hon Lynn MacLaren was also an MLC from 15 February 2005 to 21 May 2005.

Total Number of Women Members in the 39th Parliament

| House | ALP | Lib | GWA | Nat | Ind | Total Women MPs | Total MPs | Percentage Women MPs |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Legislative Assembly | 7 | 5 | - | 2 | - | 14 | 59 | 23.7% |
| Legislative Council | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | 15 | 36 | 41.7% |
| Total | 15 | 10 | 1 | 3 | - | 29 | 95 | 30.5% |

Abbreviations

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| ALP | Australian Labor Party |
| GWA | GreensWA |
| Ind | Independent |
| Lib | Liberal Party |
| Nat | National Party of Australia (Nationals WA) |

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