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*May Holman*

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*“The present rate received by the timber workers is £4 3s. per week. I regret to say that during the last 12 months it has been as low as £4 1s per week. I wish to say a word for the staff employees on the mills. There is no award governing them. In many centres they work long hours, and the conditions are not what they should be. I am pleased to note that the Government have decided to give the timber workers in their employ a 44-hour week.”*

Miss Holman

(Forrest)

Inaugural Speech

Hansard, 30 July 1925

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1	Edith Dircksey Cowan	MLA	Nat'l	West Perth	12 March 1921—22 March 1924
2	Mary Alice (May) Holman	MLA	ALP	Forrest	3 April 1925—20 March 1939
3	Florence Gillies Cardell-Oliver	MLA	Nat'l/Lib	Subiaco	15 February 1936—7 April 1956
4	Ruby Florence Hutchison	MLC	ALP	Suburban North Metropolitan	22 May 1954—21 May 1965 22 May 1965—21 May 1971
5	Lyla Daphne Elliott	MLC	ALP	North-East Metropolitan	22 May 1971—21 May 1983 22 May 1983—21 May 1986
6	Margaret June Craig	MLA	Lib	Wellington	30 March 1974—19 February 1983
7	Margaret McAleer	MLC	Lib	Upper West Agricultural	22 May 1974—21 May 1989 22 May 1989—21 May 1993
8	Grace Sydney Vaughan	MLC	ALP	South-East Metropolitan	22 May 1974—21 May 1980
9	Winifred Margaret Piesse	MLC	NCP	Lower Central	22 May 1977—21 May 1983
10	Pamela Anne Beggs	MLA	ALP	Whitford	19 February 1983—6 February 1993
11	Pamela Ann Buchanan	MLA	ALP	Pilbara Ashburton	19 February 1983—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—3 March 1992
12	Elsie Kay Hallahan	MLC MLC MLA	ALP	South-East Metropolitan East Metropolitan Armadale	22 May 1983—21 May 1989 22 May 1989—13 January 1993 6 February 1993—14 December 1996
13	Yvonne Daphne Henderson	MLA	ALP	Gosnells Thornlie	19 February 1983—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—14 December 1996
14	Jacqueline Patricia Watkins	MLA	ALP	Joondalup Wanneroo	19 February 1983—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—6 February 1993
15	Dr Carmen Mary Lawrence	MLA MLA	ALP	Subiaco Glendalough	8 February 1986—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—14 February 1994
16	Beryl Lillian Jones	MLC	ALP	Lower West South West	22 May 1986—21 May 1989 22 May 1989—21 May 1993
17	Dr Judyth Watson	MLA	ALP	Canning Kenwick	8 February 1986—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—14 December 1996
18	Cheryl May Davenport	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 1989—21 May 2001
19	Cheryl Lynn Edwardes	MLA	Lib	Kingsley	4 February 1989—26 February 2005
20	Muriel Grace Patterson	MLC	Lib	South West	22 May 1989—21 May 2001
21	Dr Hilda Margaret Turnbull	MLA	Nat	Collie	4 February 1989—10 February 2001

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22	Dr Judith (Judy) Mary Edwards	MLA	ALP	Maylands	26 May 1990—6 September 2008
23	Dr Elizabeth Constable	MLA	Lib Ind	Floreat Churchlands	20 July 1991—14 December 1996 14 December 1996—9 March 2013
24	Diane Phyllis Airey	MLC	Lib	South Metropolitan	2 February 1993—21 May 1993
25	Valma Eileen Ferguson	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	2 February 1993—21 May 1993 4 April 1995—21 May 1997
26	<b>Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan</b>	MLC MLA MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan Armadale	22 May 1993—21 November 1996 14 December 1996—20 July 2010 22 May 2017—
27	Barbara Mary Scott	MLC	Lib	South Metropolitan	22 May 1993—21 May 2009
28	Diana Muriel Warnock	MLA	ALP	Perth	6 February 1993—10 February 2001
29	June Dorothy van de Klashorst	MLA	Lib	Swan Hills	6 February 1993—10 February 2001
30	<b>Michelle Hopkins Roberts</b>	MLA	ALP	Glendalough Midland	19 March 1994—14 December 1996 14 December 1996—
31	Rhonda Kathleen Parker	MLA	Lib	Helena Ballajura	10 September 1994—14 December 1996 14 December 1996—10 February 2001
32	Megan Irene Anwyl	MLA	ALP	Kalgoorlie	16 March 1996—10 February 2001
33	Katina (Katie) Hodson-Thomas	MLA	Lib	Carine	14 December 1996—6 September 2008
34	Sheila Margaret McHale	MLA	ALP	Thornlie Kenwick	14 December 1996—26 February 2005 26 February 2005—6 September 2008
35	Ljiljana Maria Ravlich	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 1996—10 March 2015
36	Monica Rose Holmes	MLA	Lib	Southern River	14 December 1996—10 February 2001
37	Helen Margaret Hodgson	MLC	Dem	North Metropolitan	22 May 1997—21 May 2001
38	Dr Christine (Chrissy) Sharp	MLC	GWA	South West	22 May 1997—21 May 2005
39	Giz Watson	MLC	GWA	North Metropolitan	22 May 1997—9 March 2013
40	Dianne Joy Guise	MLA	ALP	Wanneroo	10 February 2001—6 September 2008
41	Carol Anne Martin	MLA	ALP	Kimberley	10 February 2001—9 March 2013
42	<b>Margaret Mary Quirk</b>	MLA	ALP	Girrawheen	10 February 2001—

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43	Dr Janet May Woollard	MLA	Ind	Alfred Cove	10 February 2001—9 March 2013
44	<b>Catherine (Kate) Esther Doust</b>	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2001—
45	<b>Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery</b>	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2001—
46	<b>Adele Farina</b>	MLC	ALP	South West	22 May 2001—
47	Robyn Mary McSweeney	MLC	Lib	South West	22 May 2001—21 May 2017
48	Jaye Amber Radisich	MLA	ALP	Swan Hills	10 February 2001—6 September 2008
49	Diane (Dee) Elizabeth Margetts	MLC	GWA	Agricultural	22 May 2001—21 May 2005
50	Louise Clare Pratt	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2001—29 October 2007
51	Susan (Sue) Elizabeth Walker	MLA	Lib	Nedlands	9 June 2001—6 September 2008
52	Judith (Judy) Hughes	MLA	ALP	Kingsley	26 February 2005—6 September 2008
53	Lynn Ellen MacLaren	MLC	GWA	South Metropolitan	15 February 2005—21 May 2005 22 May 2009—21 May 2017
54	Shelley Frances Archer	MLC	Ind	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2005—22 May 2009
55	<b>Donna Evelyn Mary Faragher</b>	MLC	Lib	East Metropolitan	22 May 2005—
56	Sheila Mills	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2005—22 May 2009
57	Helen Margaret Morton	MLC	Lib	East Metropolitan	22 May 2005—21 May 2017
58	Margaret Bernadette Rowe	MLC	Lib	Agricultural	22 May 2005—22 June 2007
59	<b>Sally Elizabeth Talbot</b>	MLC	ALP	South West	22 May 2005—
60	Wendy Maxine Duncan	MLC MLA	Nat Nat	Agricultural Kalgoorlie	29 January 2008—12 February 2013 9 March 2013—11 March 2017
61	<b>Lisa Loraine Baker</b>	MLA	ALP	Maylands	6 September 2008—
62	<b>Janine Marie Freeman</b>	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Nollamara Mirrabooka	6 September 2008—9 March 2013 9 March 2013—
63	<b>Liza Mary Harvey</b>	MLA	Lib	Scarborough	6 September 2008—
64	Andrea Ruth Mitchell	MLA	Lib	Kingsley	6 September 2008—11 March 2017

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65	<b>Rita Saffioti</b>	MLA	ALP	West Swan	6 September 2008—
66	Carolyn Anne Burton	MLC	ALP	North Metropolitan	17 September 2008—21 May 2009
67	Shelley Elizabeth Eaton	MLC	ALP	Mining and Pastoral	17 September 2008—21 May 2009
68	Adele Simone Carles	MLA	GWA Ind GRN	Fremantle	16 May 2009—9 March 2013
69	Elizabeth (Liz) Lloyd Behjat	MLC	Lib	North Metropolitan	22 May 2009—21 May 2017
70	Helen Hong Hui Bullock	MLC	ALP	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2009—21 May 2013
71	<b>Mia Jane Davies</b>	MLC MLA	Nat	Agricultural Central Wheatbelt	22 May 2009—12 February 2013 9 March 2013—
72	<b>Alyssa Kathleen Hayden</b>	MLC	Lib	East Metropolitan Darling Range	22 May 2009—21 May 2017 23 June 2018—
73	<b>Alison Marie Xamon</b>	MLC MLC	GWA	East Metropolitan North Metropolitan	22 May 2009—21 May 2013 22 May 2017—
74	Linda Rosemary Savage	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	23 March 2010—21 May 2013
75	<b>Jacqui Ellen Boydell</b>	MLC	Nat	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2013—
76	<b>Alanna Therese Clohesy</b>	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2013—
77	Eleni Evangel	MLA	Lib	Perth	9 March 2013—11 March 2017
78	<b>Josie Farrer</b>	MLA	ALP	Kimberley	9 March 2013—
79	Glenys Jenolan Godfrey	MLA	Lib	Belmont	9 March 2013—11 March 2017
80	<b>Simone Frances McGurk</b>	MLA	ALP	Fremantle	9 March 2013—
81	<b>Samantha Helen Rowe</b>	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2013—
82	<b>Amber Jade Sanderson</b>	MLC MLA	ALP ALP	East Metropolitan Morley	22 May 2013—5 February 2017 11 March 2017—
83	<b>Elizabeth (Libby) Mettam</b>	MLA	Lib	Vasse	18 October 2014—
84	Laine Courtney McDonald	MLC	ALP	North Metropolitan	11 October 2016—21 May 2017
85	<b>Robyn Marjorie Jane Clarke</b>	MLA	ALP	Murray- Metropolitan	11 March 2017

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86	<b>Emily Louise Hamilton</b>	MLA	ALP	Joondalup	11 March 2017—
87	<b>Lisa Margaret O'Malley</b>	MLA	ALP	Bicton	11 March 2017—
88	<b>Cassandra Michelle Rowe</b>	MLA	ALP	Belmont	11 March 2017—
89	<b>Jessica Jane Shaw</b>	MLA	ALP	Swan Hills	11 March 2017—
90	<b>Jessica Mary Christine Stojkovski</b>	MLA	ALP	Kingsley	11 March 2017—
91	<b>Sabine Elisabeth Winton</b>	MLA	ALP	Wanneroo	11 March 2017—
92	Elise Maxine Irwin	MLC	Lib	North Metropolitan	4 April 2017—21 May 2017
93	<b>Diane Marie Evers</b>	MLC	GWA	South West	22 May 2017—

## Notes

1. Since 1921, 93 women have been elected as Members of the Parliament of Western Australia.
2. Names in **bold** represent current members of parliament.

## Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Dem	Australian Democrats
GWA	Greens (WA)
Ind	Independent
Ind GRN	Independent Green
Lib	Liberal Party
Natl	Nationalist
NCP	National Country Party
Nat	National Party of Australia (Nationals WA)

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