Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Forum

Wellington, New Zealand

18 – 22 April 2013
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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the New Zealand Parliament for this prestigious event. This is the first time such a significant number of Pacific Members of Parliament and political leaders have assembled together to discuss the key issues facing the Pacific region. New Zealand is proud to be part of the Pacific region. Around 7 percent of New Zealanders are of Pasifika origin and this community is growing both in numbers and influence.

It is our responsibility as a Pacific nation to ensure that we continue to create opportunities for debate and discussion amongst ourselves, in order to remain aware of how we may best work together to address the challenges facing our region.

This Forum is an initiative of the New Zealand Members of Parliament, the result of the 2010 Inquiry into New Zealand’s relationships with fellow South Pacific countries.

As a cross party gathering we as a Parliament want to broaden the dialogue between our Members of Parliament and other Pacific leaders, in order to develop a better understanding of the issues and concerns of our neighbours. By doing so, we will be able to identify ways that we can work together to promote greater prosperity in our region.

We welcome you to our country and hope the following five days result in strong and lasting ties between participants and New Zealand Members of Parliament.

Rt Hon David Carter
Welcome

From John Hayes, MP

Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka, Taloha ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Halo ola keta. Warm Pacific greetings to you all.

On behalf of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee I am delighted to welcome you to this first Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Forum. The idea of a Pacific Parliament has been talked about for decades. The Foreign Affairs Trade and Defence Committee are very pleased to see this long-discussed initiative finally happen. We are indebted to Prime Minister John Key and Foreign Minister Hon Murray McCully for their backing and material support. Most of all, thanks to you for coming.

We come from different cultures, have different ways of viewing the world, but we all live in the vast Pacific Ocean. Understanding each other and working collaboratively is essential to the growth and development of the communities we represent. Our committee hopes this Forum will encourage Pacific politicians and leaders to work more closely together in the collective interest of all Pacific people. We hope to develop stronger networks with one another and to build strong productive working relationships.

New Zealand’s parliamentarians look forward to meeting you over the coming days and getting to know you better and working out how best to work together to help our people and improve the prosperity of our region.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

John Hayes
Programme

Wednesday 17 April, 2013

10:30 – 16:30 Pacific participant arrivals met at airport and transferred to Kingsgate Hotel
Transport: Instyle

11:30 – 13:00 Civic reception
Venue: Wellington City Council Chambers

17:30 – 18:00 First round of registration
Venue: Banquet Hall

18:00 – 19:00 Meet and greet with New Zealand MPs
Venue: Banquet Hall
Thursday 18 April, 2013

6:30 – 10:30  Pacific participant arrivals met at airport and transferred to Kingsgate Hotel
   Transport: Instyle

9:30 – 10:30  Second round of registration
   Venue: Grand Hall
   Programme materials to be provided at registration

10:30 – 11:00  Morning tea
   Venue: Grand Hall

9:30 – 11:45  Opportunity to observe select committee meetings
   Venue: Select committee rooms, Parliament House

10:30 – 11:15  Optional tour of Parliament
   Departing from main Parliament reception

11:30 – 11:45  Guests assemble on forecourt for Pōwhiri
   Venue: Parliament forecourt

11:45 – 12:15  Pōwhiri welcome by New Zealand MPs
   Venue: Parliament forecourt

12:15 – 13:00  Working lunch
   Venue: Grand Hall, Parliament House
   Hosted by Prime Minister John Key

13:00 – 13:15  Forum briefing
   Venue: Grand Hall

13:15 – 13:40  Photo
   Venue: Parliament forecourt / Executive Wing stairs
   (weather dependent)

13:40 – 14:00  Participants proceed to Public Gallery for Question Time
   Venue: Debating Chamber Gallery, Parliament House

14:00 – 15:00  Observe Question Time
   Venue: Debating Chamber Gallery, Parliament House

15:00 – 18:00  Observe New Zealand parliamentary debate on Pacific Issues
   Venue: Debating Chamber Gallery, Parliament
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Programme

Friday 19 April, 2013

7:30 – 8:30  Breakfast  
Venue: Kingsgate dining room

8:45  Walk to Parliament  
5 minutes

9:00 – 9:50  Session One  
Topic: Gender issues in parliaments  
Speaker: Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Samoan Minister of Justice  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

9:50 – 10:40  Session Two  
Topic: Environmental issues and climate change  
Speaker: Jo Tyndall, New Zealand Climate Change Ambassador  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

10:40 – 11:00  Morning tea  
Venue: Grand Hall  
Speakers to join Pacific participants

11:00 – 12:00  Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate One:  
Gender issues in parliaments  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

12:00 – 13:00  Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Two:  
Environmental issues  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

13:00 – 14:00  Working lunch  
Venue: Grand Hall  
Speakers to join Pacific participants

14:00 – 14:50  Session Three  
Topic: The importance of the media to parliaments  
Discussion panel: Matai Akauola (Pacific Islands News Association), Jane Patterson (Parliamentary Press Gallery).  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

14:50 – 15:40  Session Four  
Topic: Problems delivering services to remote communities  
Speakers: Julie Soso, Seth Gukuna and Margaret Pedro (participants)  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House
15:40 – 16:00  Afternoon tea  
Venue: Grand Hall  
Speakers to join Pacific participants

16:00 – 17:00  Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Three: Media and parliaments  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

17:00 – 18:00  Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Four: Improving service delivery  
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

18:00 – 18:30  Participants taken to Westpac Stadium  
Transport: Tranzit Coachlines

18:30 – 21:30  Attend Hurricanes game  
Venue: Westpac Stadium  
Eat at venue
Saturday 20 April, 2013

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
Venue: Kingsgate dining room

8:45 Walk to Parliament
5 minutes

9:00 – 9:50 Session Five
Topic: The importance of parliaments to local communities
Speaker: Lord Feleti Sevele
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

9:50 – 10:40 Session Six
Topic: Best-practice strategies for healthcare
Speakers: Dr Debbie Ryan, Sumi Subramaniam
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

10:40 – 11:00 Morning tea
Venue: Grand Hall
Speakers to join Pacific participants

11:00 – 12:00 Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Five: Importance of parliaments to local communities
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

12:00 – 1:00 Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Six: Best-practice strategies for health
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

13:00 – 14:00 Working lunch
Venue: Grand Hall
Speakers to join Pacific participants

14:00 – 14:50 Session Seven
Topic: Global economic outlook and opportunities for the region
Speakers: Shane Jones, MP and Tobias Haque, World Bank Economist
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

14:50 – 15:40 Session Eight
Topic: The importance of parliament to the development of business and job creation
Speaker: Tata Crocombe
Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House
Programme

15:40 – 16:00  Afternoon tea
   Venue: Grand Hall
   Speakers to join Pacific participants

16:00 – 17:00  Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Seven:
   Global economic outlook
   Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

17:00 – 18:00  Pacific Parliamentary and Political Leaders Debate Eight:
   The role of parliaments in business development and job creation
   Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House

18:00 – 19:30  Personal time

19:30 – 22:00  Formal dinner
   Hosted by Rt Hon David Carter, Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives
   Venue: Banquet Hall, Parliament
Programme

Sunday 21 April, 2013

7:30 – 8:30  Breakfast  
*Venue: Kingsgate Hotel*

8:45  Walk to Parliament  
*5 minutes*

9:00 – 10:30  Church service  
*Venue: Grand Hall, Parliament House*

10:30 – 12:00  Depart from Parliament forecourt for Greytown  
*Transport: Tranzit Coachlines*

12:00 – 14:00  Lunch and discussions  
*Venue: Papawai Marae, Pah Road, Greytown*

14:00  Depart Papawai Marae for JR’s Orchard  
*Transport: Tranzit Coachlines*

14:15 – 15:30  Orchard tour and discussion with seasonal workers from the Solomon Islands  
*Venue: JR’s Orchard, Greytown*

15:30  Depart JR’s Orchard for Porirua  
*Transport: Tranzit Coachlines*

17:00 – 18.00  Arrival and welcome to Pātaka  
*Venue: Pātaka Museum, Porirua*

18:00 – 20:00  Dinner with the community  
*Venue: Pātaka Museum, Porirua*

20:00  Depart Pātaka Museum for Kingsgate Hotel  
*Transport: Tranzit Coachlines*
## Programme

**Monday 22 April, 2013**

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| 7:30 – 8:30 | Breakfast  
*Venue: Kingsgate Hotel*  
*Note: Please have bags packed before departing for Parliament* |
| 8:45     | Walk to Parliament  
*5 minutes* |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Finalise Forum outcomes  
*Venue: Debating Chamber, Parliament House* |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Morning tea  
*Venue: Grand Hall* |
| 11:00    | Return to Kingsgate Hotel |
| 11:30    | Depart for airport  
*Transport: Instyle* |

Please note: Programme is subject to change and may differ from the published programme.
Debate one

Gender equality

I move, That steps be taken in all of our countries to lift the status of women in the Pacific and to empower them to be active participants in economic, political and social life — we should promote the equality of opportunity for all people in the Pacific region.

Debate two

Climate change and environment

I move, That given the challenges Pacific Island countries and especially atoll states face regarding climate change, all countries must adopt strategies to meet the challenges expected to arise from global warming. We acknowledge the importance of reducing imported energy and placing higher reliance on sustainable energy production, for example, solar power generation.

Debate three

The importance of a free and open media to our Parliaments

I move, That members note that the information technology revolution is penetrating the remotest corners of the Pacific and presents opportunities and challenges — it should be used to promote democracy and the value of a free and open media, and to advance public debate and political accountability.

Debate four

Problems of isolation and delivery of services to remote communities

I move, That we acknowledge the vast scope for improving the delivery of services to small isolated communities, but acknowledge that the internet, phone, scientific advances and regional transport could be better used to help remote communities overcome difficult challenges they may be facing.
Debate five

**Importance of parliaments to local communities**

I move, That because Parliaments have a key role in supporting the economic and social development of Pacific Island communities, Pacific Island countries take steps to promote stronger engagement and participation between parliaments and the communities that politicians and community leaders represent.

Debate six

**Health**

I move, given the rapid increase in the proportion of our national budgets being consumed in the treatment of preventable diseases, that Pacific Governments educate their people to encourage change in their lifestyles so that quality health care especially for communicable and reproductive diseases can be afforded.

Debate seven

**Global Economic outlook for the region**

I move, That given our countries’ vulnerability to shifts in the global economy, we should take steps to respond to new technology and open our economies to trade and investment and economic activity; furthermore we must increase the role of the private sector in state owned companies while still retaining cultural identity and sovereignty.

Debate eight

**The role of sound governance in business development and job creation**

I move, That sound governance from our Parliaments is essential to expand sustainable businesses and to create jobs for our young people. We acknowledge that in many of our countries the cost of our political structures and public sectors is unsustainable relative to the size of our economies. They need to be reduced if we are to secure the independence for our countries.
Speakers

Tata Crocombe
Managing Director Crocombe Hotels Limited

Tata Crocombe is a highly successful businessman and hotelier. He is the owner and manager of Crocombe Hotels Limited, which owns The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa, Sanctuary Rarotonga, Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa, Villas of the South Seas, Spa Polynesia, Best of the Islands Tours, Raro Style Gift Shop, Wine Box & Island Deli, Oceania Insurance, Black Rock Developments, Vaitapu Developments, Aroko Developments, and Rangimaia Developments. He is the Chairman of the Cook Islands Tourism Corporation, Chairman of the Cook Islands Government Aviation Development Committee, and Chairman of the Cook Islands Government Economic Development Task Force.

Tobias Haque
Macroeconomics and Public Finance Management, The World Bank

Tobias Haque is an Economist with the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit, East Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank. He is based in the Sydney office, working on a variety of macroeconomic and public finance management issues across the Pacific Island countries. Before moving to Sydney, Tobias held the role of Country Economist for Solomon Islands, based in the newly-established Honiara office. Prior to joining the World Bank, Tobias worked on a wide variety of economic development issues across various South-East Asian countries as a Program Manager at the New Zealand Agency for International Development and at Castalia - a private consulting firm, specialising in regulation of network infrastructure. He began his career at the New Zealand Treasury, where he spent time in the Office of the Chief Executive, providing analysis and advice to Treasury's Senior Management Team on long-term strategic issues facing the New Zealand economy.
Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa is a Samoan High Chief and a senior member of Cabinet in the Samoan Government. Elected into Parliament for the first time in 1985 for the constituency of Lotofaga, she is one of the longest standing Members of Parliament. She has been a Cabinet Minister since 1991 serving as Minister of Education (1991-2006), Minister for Women Community and Social Development (2006-2011) and currently is the Minister for Justice and Courts Administration & Film Censorship; Electoral Commission. Fiame has represented Samoa and the Pacific region on the executive boards of UNESCO, The Commonwealth of Learning and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Women’s Committee. She completed in 2012 a six year term as Pro Chancellor and Chairperson of the University of the South Pacific. Fiame is President of the Samoa National Council of Women, Chairperson of the Inailau Women’s Leadership Network (IWLN-dedicated to increasing women’s participation in politics) and the Women in Leadership Advocates (WinLA-a public sector women leaders group).

Jane Patterson

Parliamentary Chief Reporter, Radio New Zealand

Jane Patterson has been working as a reporter for Radio New Zealand since 1999. She has been in the Parliamentary Press Gallery since 2003 and Parliamentary Chief Reporter since 2008. In her current job she covers the passage of legislation and select committee hearings. She scrutinises the development and implementation of government policy and the activities of MPs generally, and has reported on four general elections. As a Press Gallery reporter, she travels with the Prime Minister of the day when he or she goes overseas; and she has travelled extensively throughout the Pacific region, including covering the annual Pacific Islands Forum since 2005. She has held the position of either Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Press Gallery since 2008. The Press Gallery executive is elected by fellow Press Gallery members and represents the Gallery in its dealings with MPs or the wider public.
Dr Debbie Ryan
Principal Director of Pacific Perspectives

Dr Debbie Ryan is the Principal Director of Pacific Perspectives, which she established in 2008. She has twenty years of experience in the health sector as a clinician, and in governance, management, public policy development, regulation, national standards, implementation and health service delivery in New Zealand and the Pacific. She is a medical practitioner and a former public service leader of Pacific health policy and implementation. Her professional life has been dedicated to Pacific health. Her key areas of interest have been health inequalities, primary care, evidence-based healthcare policy and the service delivery interface with Pacific populations. Her focus in the past three years has been Pacific workforce and leadership development and leadership of cultural competence approaches in health.

Lord Feleti V. Sevele
Former Prime Minister of Tonga

Hon Dr. Feleti V. Sevele began his career in the Tonga Commodities Board. From there he went on to become chief economist for the South Pacific Commission and a councilor for the University of the South Pacific. He subsequently worked as Director of Catholic Education, a consultant, and businessman. He was elected as a People's Representative to the Parliament of Tonga in 1999 and re-elected in 2002 and again in 2005. On the 21st March 2005 he was appointed as Minister of Labour, Commerce and Industries and thus became one of the Kingdom's first two Ministers to have been appointed from the elected People's Representatives to Parliament. He was appointed as Acting Prime Minister on the 11th February 2006. On 30th March 2006 he was appointed by His Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV as the 14th Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga. He is the very first non-noble to be appointed as Prime Minister of Tonga. He did not seek re-election at the 2010 elections, and following the completion of his term as Prime Minister he was appointed a life-peer: Lord Sevele of Vailahi.
Sumi Subramaniam
Former Director of Family Planning International New Zealand

In her role as the Director of FPI, Sumi provided strategic leadership to FPI and had overall technical and administrative responsibility for the advocacy, research and program development components of the organization. FPI aims to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all people, particularly in the Pacific, through sustained universal access to high quality sexual and reproductive health information and services. She was a member of the senior management team for Family Planning New Zealand and was the Deputy Chair of the Council for International Development, an umbrella network of NGOs in New Zealand. She is also a current Board member of ChildFund New Zealand. Sumi has worked on a range of sexual and reproductive health and rights issues and programs in the Pacific, including leading design on a cost-benefit analysis of investing in family planning, a lifeskills program to address teenage pregnancy in Solomon Islands and a comprehensive multi-year family planning program in Kiribati. She has worked with several leaders and policy makers to bring about changes to sexual and reproductive health policy.

Joanne Tyndall
New Zealand’s Climate Change Ambassador

Jo Tyndall has been New Zealand’s Climate Change Ambassador and head of delegation to the UNFCCC negotiations, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, since July 2010. Prior to this she was Director of the Broadcasting Unit in the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. From 1999 to 2006, she was Chief Executive of the broadcasting funding body, NZ On Air. She was Chief Executive of two screen industry organisations – the Screen Production and Development Association (SPADA) and Project Blue Sky – from 1994 to 1999. Jo Tyndall also spent eight years as a multilateral trade policy specialist with the Department of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
# Church service

**Grand Hall, Parliament Sunday 21 April**

9am – 10.15 am

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*Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee*  |
| 9:05  | Introit in Fijian | The service will be led by Rev Viliami Kalamafoni Finau, Tongan Minister for Wesley Church, Wellington  |
| 9:10  | Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues” |  
*Sung by the Wesley Choir*  |
| 9:20  | Invocation        | Rev Perema Leasi  
*Moderator of Wellington Presbytery*  |
| 9:25  | Reading Psalm 23  | Le’aufa’amulia Asenati Lole-Taylor, MP  |
| 9:30  | Music             | Taulanga U Brass Band & Wesley Choir  |
| 9:35  | Reading John 10:22–30 | Alfred Ngaro, MP  |
| 9:40  | Hymn “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” |  
*Sung by the Wesley Choir*  |
| 9:45  | Reflections       | Rev Viliami Kalamafoni Finau  |
| 10:00 | Benediction       | Pastor Rasik Ranchord  |
| 10:05 | Music             | Halleluiah by Handel  |
| 10:10 | Music             | National Anthem of New Zealand  |
| 10:15 | Morning tea       |  |
“Guide me O thou great Jehovah”

English 1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore

Tongan 2. Ifi ai ‘a e talupite
Fai ‘a e vakavakao
Puna hotau laumalie
O mo e kau angelo
Hu ai leva
Ki he potu malolo

Fijian 3. Vei Jiova na Turaga
Me da lotu vata ga,
Ni sereka na yaloda
Ka bokoca noda ca,
Tabalaka Tabalaka
Noda sere ki vua

Samoan 4. Ina olioli lava
Ma ia tatou faafetai
O le lalolagi uma
Ua ia togiola mai
Ua mae’a
Aleluia ia iesu!

English 5. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

English  O for a thousand tongues to sing
         My great Redeemer's praise,
         The glories of my God and King.
         The triumphs of God's grace!

Samoan  Lo'u Matai ma lo'u Atua
         Fesoasoani mai
         E talai atu i le lalolagi
         Lou suafa mamalu

Tongan  Ko Sisu 'a e Huafa lahi,
         'O 'ikai hano ua:
         'Ikai ha taha ke tatau,
         Ha taha ke kakunga

Fijian  Sa vosa ga, qai reki mai
         Na yalo vutugu;
         Na mataboko, era rai;
         Na bale era tu

English  In Christ, our Head, you then shall know,
         Shall feel, your sins forgiven
         Anticipate your heaven below,
         And own that love in heaven.
“God defend New Zealand”

English version

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.

Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

Men of every creed and race,
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our free land.

From dissension, envy, hate,
And corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast,
But, should foes assail our coast,
Make us then a mighty host,
God defend our free land.

Lord of battles in Thy might,
Put our enemies to flight,
Let our cause be just and right,
God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for Thee increase,
May Thy blessings never cease,
Give us plenty, give us peace,
God defend our free land.

From dishonour and from shame,
Guard our country's spotless name,
Crown her with immortal fame,
God defend New Zealand.

May our mountains ever be
Freedom's ramparts on the sea,
Make us faithful unto Thee,
God defend our free land.

Guide her in the nations' van,
Preaching love and truth to man,
Working out Thy glorious plan,
God defend New Zealand.

Māori version

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā

Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa

Kia hua ko te paī;
Kia tau tō atawhai;

Manaaikitia mai
Aotearoa

Ōna mano tāngata
Kiri whero, kiri mā,
Iwi Māori, Pākehā,
Rūpeke katoa,

Nei ka tono ko ngā hē
Māu e whakaahu kē,

Kia ora mārire
Aotearoa

Tōna mana kia tū!
Tōna kaha kia ū;
Tōna rongo hei pakū
Ki te ao katoa

Aua rawa ngā whahai
Ngā tutū e tata mai;

Kia tupu nui ai
Aotearoa

Waiho tona takiwā
Ko te ao mārama;
Kia whiti tōna rā
Taiāwhio noa.

Meinga kia kore kau;
Waiho i te rongo mau
Aotearoa

Tōna pai me toitū
Tika rawa, pono pū;
Tōna noho, tāna tū;
Iwi nō lhowā.

Kaua mōna whakamā;
Kia hau te ingoa;

Kia tū hei tauira;
Aotearoa
Participants

American Samoa

Taotasi Archie Soliai

Mr Soliai is the Representative for Ituau County, District 12. He was first elected to the House in the 2006 general election, and is the former Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Legal Affairs. He sponsored a landmark bill passed in February 2011 which made American Samoa the first U.S. Territory to ban plastic bags in all retail stores. He has been an active campaigner for a reduction in Legislature (Fono) budget overspending.

Cook Islands

Tetangi Matapo

Mrs Matapo is the Democratic Party Member for Tamarua. She is newly elected in 2013, and prior to her election was a secondary school teacher in English, Computing, Social Science and Employment skills. She studied at the University of the South Pacific and has a Graduate Diploma of Education from Auckland University. She is currently undertaking a Master’s degree and has 2 more papers till completion. She is a mother of 8 and her husband is the only policeman on the island of Mangaia.

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Selina Napa

Ms Napa is the Democratic Party Member for Titikaveka electorate. She is a former sportswoman and member of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission. Her father was also a politician. In her political career she has emphasised tackling the crime rate as an urgent issue to be addressed.
Participants

Federated States of Micronesia

David W. Panuelo

Senator Panuelo is the Representative for Election District 3, State of Pohnpei. He is the Chairman for the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and a member of the Committees on: External Affairs, Resources and Development, Ways and Means. He is a former diplomat who has served in his country’s permanent mission to the United Nations. He also owns and manages a design and building company: Pohnpei Architects and Construction. He holds a Bachelor in Political Science from Eastern Oregon University.

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Fiji

Matai Akauola

Mr Akauola is a journalist and has been the First Manager & Training Coordinator for the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) since 2007. He was formerly the News Director of the Fiji Broadcasting Corporation, Sports Editor for the Fiji Times, and a journalist for the Fiji Sun. In total he has worked in print, radio and television journalism for 32 years. He is also a member of the IFEX Council (International Freedom of Expression network) and National Director for Marriage Ministries International (Fiji).

He is a grandfather of three.

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Bimal Bimlesh Prasad

Mr Prasad is currently in his second year of law at the University of Fiji. He was an NFP Candidate in the 2006 General Elections for his home turf in Navua. He was a member (1999-2002) and then Chairman (2002-2004) of the Navua District Advisory Council, and a member of the Navua and Central Divisional Development Committee (2002-2004). He was instrumental in the revival of the NFP Youth Movement, serving as Treasurer (1994-1996) then National Vice President (1996-1998). He is a member
Participants

of the NFP Management Board and the Assistant General Secretary of the NFP since 2008.

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Nayagodamu Korovou

Mr Korovou is the National Youth Party Leader: a new political party established and registered in 2009 for the 2014 general elections. The NYP has a principal purpose of getting more young people involved in politics, and views the military as playing an important role in Fiji’s future.

Tura Lewai

Tura Lewai is from from the Komo Islands in the Lau group of Fiji. In March 2006, at 22, he was one of three young people who formed the ‘Young People’s Concerned Network’ (YPCN), formed in response to the role of the military in the governing of Fiji. Mr Lewai is a Youth Advocate involved with the Youth Assembly of Fiji, a Gender and Arts Officer with the Foundation of the South Pacific People, and a member of UN Secretary General’s Network of Men Leaders. He was involved with the Stepping Stones Programme on HIV and Gender Equality.

Fay E. Volatabu

Ms Volatabu is the General Secretary of the Fiji National Council of Women. She has been active in encouraging Fijian women to voice their views to the Constitutional Commission. Prior to her current role she was the National Youth Coordinator of the Fijian Teachers Association, and Coordinator of the Fijian Teachers Association Women’s Wing.
Participants

Guam

Thomas Morrison

Senator Morrison is a Republican member of the 32nd Guam Legislature and the current Minority Whip. Prior to entering politics he was the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Executive Director at the Guam Contractors Licensing Board, and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Guam. He is also a very active participant in Guam’s sporting community, and was a 3 time Gold-Medalist in Baseball at the South Pacific Games.

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Kiribati

Martin Moreti

Mr Moreti is the first-term Member of Parliament for Aranuka, and a member of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Climate Change. Prior to entering Parliament he was the Warehouse supervisor at Betio Hardware, Warehouse Manager at Taotin Trading, and Assistant Operations Manager in the Oceanic Shipping Services. He holds a Diploma in Theology from the Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva, Fiji.

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Republic of the Marshall Islands

Hon Wilbur Heine

Hon Wilbur Heine is Minister of Internal Affairs and Senator for Mili Atol. A newly elected Senator, he was made Minister his first week in office. Prior to his election he was the Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Assistant Secretary to the Minister of Health, and an Energy Planner for the Ministry of Resources and Development. He has a Certificate of International Health from Boston University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Guam.

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Nauru

Hon Riddell Akua

Hon Riddell Akua is the Naoero Party Member of Parliament for Anabar. He is the Minister for Transport & Telecommunications, Minister for the Nauru Utilities Corporation, Minister for the Nauru Air Corporation, and Minister for Commerce, Industry & the Environment. He has been a Member of Parliament since 2003, and has formerly served as Speaker of Parliament. Prior to entering politics he was a Stevedore manager.

Hon Roland Tullen Kun

Hon Roland Kun is the Naoero Amo Party Member of Parliament for Buada. He is one of the party’s founding members. He has been Minister for Finance & Sustainable Development, Minister for Education, Minister of Justice, and Minister for Fisheries. Prior to entering politics he had a career as a public servant, and is an expert on fisheries, one of Nauru’s main industries.

His father Ruben Kun served as President of Nauru, and his cousin Russell Kun has also been elected to Parliament.

New Caledonia

Valentine Eurisouke

Ms Eurisouke is the Mayor of Houailou and a UNI Member of the Congress of New Caledonia for the Northern Province. In Congress she is a member of the Planning, Teaching and Women’s Committees. She was elected as mayor in 2009. In her political career she has focused on creating opportunities for women and working to improve their welfare. She is the Vice President of the Association of Mayors of New Caledonia, where she chairs the Mining Committee that addresses mining pollution and its impact on the local population. She is also the President of the GIE Tourism Association.

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Ms le Goff is a Municipal Councilor for the city of Noumea, tasked with city planning and tourism. She is also a Cabinet advisor on relations with municipalities and education to the New Caledonia Government, a lecturer in Private Law at the University of New Caledonia, and assistant to Maurice Ponga – a member of the European Parliament. She is President of the Soroptimist International Service Club in Noumea, President of Heiva Rau I Taratoni – a Polynesian cultural associations group, and Deputy Treasurer of the National Institute for Defense Studies (IHEDN) regional association. She studied law at the University of Paris-Sorbonne.

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Niue

Talaititama Talaiti

Mr Talaiti is the Member for Vaiea and Deputy Chair of the House Committee. He was first elected unopposed into the Niue Assembly after his father Talaiti, the eldest Member in the Assembly resigned from the Vaiea Constituency on November 1992. He is currently the HIV Champion for the Pacific and has been in that role since December 2011.

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Hon Va’aiga Tukuitonga

Hon Va’aiga Tukuitonga is the Member for Alofi North. She was first elected to Parliament in 1999, and was previously the Minister for Arts and Culture and Chairperson of the Niue Cultural Group. Before entering Parliament she was a primary and secondary school teacher, and she held various roles including President of the Alofi North Women’s Club, Justice of the Peace, and Deputy Chairperson of her Village Council. She was the first woman to be elected to a village seat rather than a common role seat and the second woman to hold a ministerial position in Niue. She is a strong advocate of culture, traditions and performing arts, oral traditions, poetry and short stories. She studied at Victoria University of Wellington.
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Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Anthony T. Benavente

Mr Benavente is the Independent Representative for Election District 3. He is the Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, and a member of the following House committees: Judiciary & Governmental Operations; Public Utilities, Transportation & Communications; Tourism; and Ways & Means. Prior to entering politics he was the Director of the Division of Parks & Recreation. He has a passion for the protection and conservation of the islands’ natural resources.

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John Paul Sablan

Mr Sablan is the Covenant Representative for Election District 2. He is Vice-Chair of the House Judiciary & Governmental Operations Committee and Vice-Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee. He is also a member of the Federal & Foreign Affairs Committee, the Tourism Committee, and the Committee for Ways & Means. Prior to entering politics he worked at the Customs Department for 14 years. His father Vicente also served the NMI government for 20 years.

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Jovita M. Taimanao

Senator Taimanao is the Independent Member for the First Senatorial Rota Legislative Delegation. She is the Chair of the Senate Committees on Education and Youth Affairs and on Fiscal Affairs, and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigations. She is a member of the following additional Senate committees: Federal Relations & Independent Agencies; Health & Welfare; Judiciary, Government & Law; Public Utilities, Transportation & Communications; Resources, Economic Development & Programs; and Rules and Procedure. She is committed to transparency and accountability in government.
Edmund Villagomez

Mr Villagomez is the Covenant Representative for Election District 3. He is Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Commerce and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, and is serving his second term. Prior to entering politics he was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce where he helped manage several divisions such as Banking and Insurance, Statistics, Enforcement/Weights and Measures, Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco Control, the Small Business Development Center, Registrar of Corporations, and Economic Development. He has also served on numerous boards and organisations dealing with health, education, infrastructure, tourism, and economic development. He studied at the University of Hawaii.
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Rukebai Kikuo Inabo

Senator Inabo was elected in 2012. She is the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and Infrastructures, and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means and Financial Matters. She has degrees in finance and accounting from the University of Houston. Prior to elected office, she was the General Manager for the Palau Public Utilities Corporation, and was previously Chief Financial Officer for a large private company. She also served as a Chairperson of the National Development Bank of Palau. With her background in the energy business and in banking and financial matters, she aims to foster new and innovative economic and financial solutions for the people of Palau.
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Jerrlyn Uduch Sengebau-Senior

Senator Sengebau-Senior was first elected to the Congress of Palau in 2008. Prior to this Palau had no female members of Congress. Before entering politics she worked in a private law firm. Prior legal roles include Senior Judge (Land Court), Associate Justice Pro Tem (Appellate Court), and Assistant Attorney General of Palau. She is a Juris Doctor from the William S Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii.
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**Participants**

**Surangel Whipps Jr**

In the 2008 election Senator Whipps became the first Senator in Palau to win by write-in, while also leading all Senators with the highest percentage (65.2%) of votes. He has always believed in community activism, and has served as President of the Palau Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Palau Conservation Society, and a Board Member of the COFA Trust Fund. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a major in Economics from Andrews University in Michigan, and a Master’s in Business Administration from Anderson’s Graduate School of Management at the University of California Los Angeles. Prior to entering politics he was the President and CEO of Surangel & Sons Company.

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**Papua New Guinea**

**Hon Sam Basil**

Hon Sam Basil is the People’s Progress Party Member for the Bulolo District. He is the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for National Planning, District Development, Health & HIV/AIDS. He was formerly Minister for National Planning. He was first elected in 2007 and this is his second term in Parliament.

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**Hon Nixon Philip Duban**

Hon Nixon Philip Duban is the People’s National Congress Party Member for Madang, and Minister for Police. He was elected to Parliament for the first time in 2012. He was previously a political adviser to the Honourable Peter O’Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. He has a Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Papua New Guinea.

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Participants

Delilah Pueka Gore

Ms Gore is a member of the Triumph Heritage Empowerment Party and Open Member for the Northern Province Electorate of Sohe. She is currently the Vice-Minister for Treasury. Prior to entering politics she had a career as a public servant. She is currently working on getting a Women’s Council Bill to be approved in parliament, a bill first introduced by former Minister of Community Development, Dame Carol Kidu. The Bill would ensure there is a body to look into women’s issues and to protect women’s rights.

Hon Gary Juffa

Hon Gary Juffa is the Governor of the Northern Province, elected in August 2012. Prior to his election he was Customs Commissioner, and is credited with separating PNG Customs from the Internal Revenue Commission and turning it into a vibrant organization. He attended the University of Papua New Guinea, but withdrew from his studies to work for the Internal Revenue Commission.

Hon Joseph Lera

Hon Joseph Lera is the Regional Member for Bougainville and a member of the United Resources Party. He was formerly the Commissioner for South Bougainville in the Bougainville administration. Earlier in his career he was director of the Buka Open Campus and an associate director of the University of Papua New Guinea Open College. He has worked in five governments and statutory institutions for a total of 33 years, including the University of Papua New Guinea, the National Research Institute, the National Parliament and the Autonomous Bougainville Government. He has a Master of Education from the University of Papua New Guinea and is married with four children.

Hon Julie Soso Akeke

Hon Julie Soso Akeke is the Governor for the Eastern Highlands Province, and was elected in August 2012. Prior to her election she had a career as a broadcaster and journalist. She is the first female parliamentarian to be elected in the Highlands and also one of the first three woman governors ever. She is a prominent women’s rights advocate and is president of the Women’s Council and
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Hon Joseph Sungi

Hon Joseph Sungi is the National Alliance Party Member for Nuku Open Electorate in Sandaun Province, and Vice Minister for Inter-Government Relations. He is a first-term Member of Parliament who defeated a three-term MP to win his seat. He was the Provincial Administrator of Sandaun Province for nine years before his election in 2012, and worked in the public service for over 20 years. He holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from the University of PNG, and studied in the Philippines for an MA in Development Management, sponsored by the Asian Development Bank.

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Hon Theodore Zibang Zurenuoc

Hon Theodore Zibang Zurenuoc is the People’s Progress Party Member for Finschhafen District in Morobe Province, and the Speaker of the Parliament of Papua New Guinea. He was elected in 2007. In 2009 he supported the creation of reserved seats for women to vote in their representatives ahead of nominated seats for women. In 2011 he became the first PNG member elected to the UNESCO executive board. In February 2013 he instituted a clock-in system for Members and other measures to tighten up on parliamentary accountability and compliance. He is the former Minister for Community and Family Services and the former Minister for Education.

Samoa

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi

Mr Aiafi is the Tautau Samoa Party Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Faleata i Sisifo, and current Opposition Party Whip. He was a founding member of his party and served as its interim Chair. Prior to his election he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Samoa Airport Authority, and previously worked in the Samoa Public Service Commission. He has a BA in Economics from Flinders University of South Australia, and an MBA from the University of Canberra.
Participants

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Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua is the Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Aleipata Itupa-I-Lalo. He is Associate Minister to the Prime Minister, Chairman of the Regulatory Committee of Parliament, and Vice-Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. He has held two Matai titles since 1974. Prior to entering Parliament he was the Commissioner of the Samoan Public Service Commission. He has spent many years in New Zealand, both as a City Councillor for North Shore City, and prior to that serving 23 years as a New Zealand Police Officer. He studied at Massey University in Albany.
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Solomon Islands

Hon Peter Shanel Agovaka

Hon Peter Shanel Agovaka is the Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Central Guadalcanal, Guadalcanal Province, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs & External Trade. He is Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee, and sits on several other Committees including the Public Accounts Committee and the Parliamentary House Committee. He was elected to Parliament in 2006, and prior to his election was a Liaison Officer for Gold Ridge Mining Ltd. He holds degrees from the North Sydney Institute of Engineering and from Telecom College in Papua New Guinea.

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Hon Seth Gukuna

Hon Seth Gukuna is the Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Rennell and Bellona Province, and Minister for Culture and Tourism. He was formerly the Minister for Forestry. Prior to his election he served as his country’s Ambassador to Taiwan. He holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

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Hon Vika Lusibae

Hon Vika Lusibae is the Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of North Malaita. She is a member of the Public Accounts Committee, the Health and Medical Services Committee, and the Police and National Security Committee. She won a landslide by-election victory to become the second woman elected to Parliament in the Solomon Islands, and the first in two decades. Prior to her election she was the Manager of Lion Heart.

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Hon John Maneniaru

Hon John Maneniaru is the Member of Parliament for the Fataleka Constituency, West 'Are'are, Malaita Province. He is the Leader of the Independent Members of Parliament. He is a member of a number of parliamentary committees including the Education and Human Resources Training Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, the Bills and Legislation Committee, and the Constitution Review Committee. Prior to his election he was the General Manager of the Investment Corporation of the Solomon Islands. He has also had a career as a public servant and as a bank officer. He holds a B.Com in Management from Unitech, Papua New Guinea.

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Hon Samuel Manetoali

Hon Samuel Manetoali is the Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Gao-Bugotu, Isabel Province, and the Minister for Culture & Tourism. He first entered Parliament in 2006, and is currently a member of Special Committee on Privileges, Immunities & Powers of Parliament. His former ministerial roles have been as Minister for Lands & Housing and Survey, Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services, and Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs. He was a practicing lawyer before entering Parliament, and has an LLB from the University of Tasmania.

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Hon George Milner Tozaka OBE

Hon George Milner Tozaka is the Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of North Vella Lavella, Western Province. He is the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and a member of the Bills and Legislation Committee, the Constitution Review Committee, and the Public Expenditure Committee. He was formerly the Minister for Public Service. Prior to his election he served as his country’s High Commissioner to Australia. He has been Chairman of the Provincial Government Review Committee Chairman of the National Disaster Council. He has a Postgraduate Diploma in Management & Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the South Pacific, Suva.

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Tokelau

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Tonga

‘Aisake Valu Eke

‘Aisake Valu Eke is the People’s Representative for Tongatapu No. 5 as an Independent representative. He is Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, and a member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. He has been the Secretary and Chief Executive for Finance at the Tongan Ministry of Finance, an advocate for government facilitation of private sector activity, and an opponent of increased financial benefits for MPs.

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Hon Dr Sitiveni Halapua

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Fatafehi Kinikinilau Lolomana’ia Fakafanua (Lord Fakafanua)

Lord Fakafanua is the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and a Noble of the Realm. He is the Noble’s No. 1 Representative for Ha’apai, and his estates are Ma’ufang (Tongatapu) and Faleloa (Ha’apai). He is Chairman of the Standing Committee on Business, and member of the following Standing Committees: Finance and Public Accounts, Legislation, Privileges, Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade, Social Services, Environment and Climate Change. Lord Fakafanua is the youngest incumbent to be elected Speaker of the Tongan Legislative Assembly. He is Chairman of the Tongan Peace and Unity Committee and on the Executive of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. He received his hereditary Fakafanua title in April 2006.

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Hon Dr Viliami Uasike Latu

Hon Dr Viliami Uasike Latu is the Constituency People's Representative for Vava'u 16. He is the Minister of Commerce, Tourism and Labour, and was previously the Minister for Police, Prisons and Fire Services. He was the Clerk of the House from 2008 to 2010. He gained his Doctor of Philosophy in Asia Pacific Studies at Ritsumeiken Asia Pacific University in Japan, and studied at undergraduate level in Tonga, and postgraduate level in Auckland. Previous work includes teaching and secretariat roles.

Tuvalu

Hon Pelenike Tekinene Isaia

Hon Isaia is Minister of Home Affairs and Member of Parliament for the island of Nui. Before entering politics, Isaia was Branch Manager for the Tuvalu Cooperative Society in Nui, but her career in national politics began when she won the August 2011 by-election for the constituency of Nui, and entered Parliament. The by-election had been caused by the death of her late husband, the incumbent MP and Minister for Works Isaia Italeli. Pelenike Isaia is only the second woman ever to have sat in Tuvalu's Parliament. Isaia is also sister-in-law to the Governor-General, Iakoba Italeli, her late husband's elder brother.
Participants

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Vanuatu

Hon John Tesei Nawai

Hon John Tesei Nawai is Member for Tafea Outer Islands Constituency and a member of the Vanuaaku Party. He is the Chair of the Standing Orders Committee and a first-time MP.

Alfred Maoh

Alfred Maoh is a Member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Santo and a member of the GJP party. He is the parliament's youngest member, and has worked with various non-government organizations in Vanuatu, including the University of the South Pacific, and World Vision Vanuatu. He has a diploma certificate in IT and management studies.

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Hon Arnold Prasad

Hon Arnold Prasad is the Member of Parliament for Santo Rural and a member of the Green Confederation Party. He is the Second Deputy Speaker. Hon Prasad holds a hereditary Na Vuhu Sule lineage Chieftainship for his indigenous village in Matantas. He has a degree in Mechanics from the Lycee Montreuil in Paris, France, and is a grade 5 engineer.

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Hon Charlot Salwai is the RMMC party Member for the electoral constituency of Pentecost and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. He has previously been the Minister of Lands, Deputy Leader of Opposition, Opposition Whip and held the Ministerial portfolios of Education, Justice and Finance. He also had a varied career as a civil servant including secretarial and advisor roles. Prior to this, he was an accountant.

Hon Kalfau Moli

Hon Kalfau Moli is an independent member of Parliament for the electoral constituency of Luganville, and has previously been the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries, Livestock and Bio-Security.

Hon Havo Molisale

Hon Havo Moilsale is the First Deputy Speaker and Member of Parliament for Malo/Aore. He has previously been the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. He is a member of the Nagriamel Party, and represented Vanuatu at the Twenty-ninth United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific in March 2009.

Hon Ralph Regenvanu

Hon Ralph Regenvanu is the GJP Member for Port Vila constituency, and is currently the Minister for Lands, Geology, Mines, Energy and Water resources, a position he took in March 2013. He established the Graon mo Jastis Pati (GJP – Land and Justice Party) in 2010, and has been a Member of Parliament since 2008. He is a founding member of the Melanesian Indigenous Land Defence Alliance (MILDA). Prior to his election he was the Director of the Vanuatu Cultural Council and the Curator of the National Museum. He has a BA (Hons) in Development Studies and Anthropology from the Australian National University.

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Hon Tony Nari

Hon Tony Nari from Iauko Group is one of the country’s youngest politicians, and won one of the parliamentary seats in Pentecost constituency in the October 30 2012 general elections. He is one of the sons of the notable late Chief Silas Nari who was held as one of the highest ranking Chiefs in North Pentecost. He has previously been Minister for Infrastructure and Public Utilities.

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Wallis and Futuna

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New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Amy Adams
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Minister for the Environment, Communications and Information Technology
Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

Jacinda Ardern
List member, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Social Services Committee
Spokesperson, Social Development, Children

Shane Ardern
Member for Taranaki–King Country, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Chairperson, Primary Production Committee
Member, Health Committee

Chris Auchinvole
List member, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Government Administration Committee
Member, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi
List member, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Commerce Committee, Member, Government Administration Committee

Hon John Banks
Member for Epsom, ACT New Zealand

Current parliamentary roles
Leader, ACT New Zealand
Associate Minister of Commerce, Education
Minister for Small Business, Regulatory Reform, Member, Business Committee, Privileges Committee

Maggie Barry
Member for North Shore, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee

Carol Beaumont
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Current parliamentary roles
Member, Education and Science Committee
Spokesperson Consumer Rights and Standards
Associate Spokesperson Employment, Skills and Training
New Zealand Members of Parliament

David Bennett
Member for Hamilton East, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Chairperson, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee

Hon Paula Bennett
Member for Waitakere, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister for Social Development
Associate Minister of Housing

Dr Jackie Blue
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Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Health Committee
Member, Justice and Electoral Committee

Hon Chester Borrows
Member for Whanganui, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister for Courts
Associate Minister of Justice, Social Development
Hon Simon Bridges
Member for Tauranga, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister of Energy and Resources, Labour
Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues

Steffan Browning
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Current parliamentary roles
Member, Primary Production Committee
Spokesperson, Agriculture, Biosecurity and Customs, Fisheries, Forestry, GE, Organics, Security and Intelligence

Hon Gerry Brownlee
Member for Ilam, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Leader of the House
Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Transport, Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission
Member, Business Committee, Privileges Committee, Standing Orders Committee

Dr Cam Calder
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Current parliamentary roles
Chairperson, Education and Science Committee
Member, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Rt Hon David Carter
List member, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Speaker
Chairperson, Business Committee
Chairperson, Officers of Parliament Committee

Dr David Clark
Member for Dunedin North, Labour Party

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Member, Commerce Committee
Spokesperson, Economic Development, Small Business

David Clendon
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Law and Order Committee
Spokesperson, Corrections and Courts, Justice, Research and Technology, Justice, Small Business, Tertiary Education, Tourism

Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman
Member for Northcote, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister of Defence, State Services, Associate Minister of Finance
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Judith Collins
Member for Papakura, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister of Justice, ACC, Ethnic Affairs

Hon Clayton Cosgrove
List member, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Commerce Committee
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Spokesperson, Commerce, Trade Negotiations, State Owned Enterprises

Hon David Cunliffe
Member for New Lynn, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Spokesperson, Fisheries, Revenue
Associate Spokesperson, Finance

Clare Curran
Member for Dunedin South, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Commerce Committee
Spokesperson, Broadcasting, Communications and Information Technology, Open Government
Associate Spokesperson, Economic Development
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Lianne Dalziel
Member for Christchurch East, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Privileges Committee, Justice and Electoral Committee
Spokesperson, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Earthquake Commission, Justice

Jacqui Dean
Member for Waitaki, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Chairperson, Law and Order Committee
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee

Catherine Delahunty
List member, Green Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Education and Science Committee
Spokesperson, Environment (Mining, Toxics), Treaty of Waitangi
Associate Spokesperson, Education

Hon Peter Dunne
Member for Ohariu, United Future

**Current parliamentary roles**
Leader
Minister of Revenue
Associate Minister of Health, Conservation
Member, Business Committee, Officers of Parliament Committee, Standing Orders Committee
Hon Ruth Dyson
Member for Port Hills, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Chairperson, Government Administration Committee
Spokesperson, Conservation, Land Information, Senior Citizens, Disability Issues

Hon Bill English
Member for Clutha-Southland, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Leader
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Finance

Kris Faafoi
Member for Mana, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Law and Order Committee
Spokesperson, Corrections, Police
Associate Spokesperson, Health (Aged Care)

Darien Fenton
List member, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Junior Whip
Member, Officers of Parliament Committee, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
Spokesperson, Immigration, Labour (incl. Health and Safety)
New Zealand Members of Parliament

**Hon Christopher Finlayson**
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Attorney General
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Arts, Culture and Heritage
Associate Minister of Māori Affairs
Chairperson, Privileges Committee

**Te Ururoa Flavell**
Member for Waiariki, Māori Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Business Committee, Māori Affairs Committee,
Officers of Parliament Committee, Standing Orders Committee

**Hon Craig Foss**
Member for Tukituki, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister of Broadcasting, Commerce, Consumer Affairs
Associate Minister for ACC

**Julie Anne Genter**
List member, Green Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Justice and Electoral Committee
Spokesperson, Broadcasting, Commerce, Transport
Associate Spokesperson, Climate Changes Issues, Economics, Finance
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Aaron Gilmore
List member, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Māori Affairs Committee, Local Government and Environment Committee

Hon Phil Goff
Member for Mt Roskill, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Law and Order Committee
Spokesperson, Defence, Foreign Affairs and Trade, State Services

Paul Goldsmith
List member, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee

Hon Jo Goodhew
Member for Rangitata, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Senior Citizens, Women's Affairs
Associate Minister of Health, Primary Industries
Member, Education and Science Committee
Dr Kennedy Graham
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Member, Privileges Committee
Spokesperson, Climate Change, Constitutional Issues, Defence, Disarmament, Global Affairs, Trade and Foreign Investment

Hon Tim Groser
List member, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister of Trade, Climate Change Issues
Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon Nathan Guy
Member for Otaki, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister for Primary Industries, Racing

Kevin Hague
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Health Committee
Spokesperson, ACC, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Cycling, Gambling, Health, Older People, Rainbow Issues, Sport and Recreation
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hone Harawira
Member for Te Tai Tokerau, Mana

**Current parliamentary roles**
Leader
Member, Business Committee, Māori Affairs Committee
Member, Māori Affairs Committee

John Hayes
Member for Wairarapa, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Parliamentary Private Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Chairperson, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Associate Spokesperson, Foreign Affairs and Trade (Pacific Affairs and ODA)

Hon Phil Heatley
Member for Whangarei, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Social Services Committee
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee

Hon Tau Henare
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Chairperson, Māori Affairs Committee
Chris Hipkins
Member for Rimutaka, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Chief Whip
Member, Business Committee, Education and Science Committee, Privileges Committee, Standing Orders Committee
Spokesperson, Education

Brendan Horan
List member, Independent

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Māori Affairs Committee

Hon Parekura Horomia
Member for Ikaroa-Rawhiti, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Māori Affairs Committee
Spokesperson, Māori Affairs, Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Gareth Hughes
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Musterer
Member, Business Committee, Officers of Parliament Committee, Standing Orders, Committee, Local Government and Environment Committee
Spokesperson, Energy, ICT, Libraries and Archives, Mining (Oceans), Oceans
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Raymond Huo
List member, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee
Spokesperson, Building and Construction, Statistics
Associate Spokesperson, Ethnic Affairs

Dr Paul Hutchison
Member for Hunua, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Chairperson, Health Committee

Hon Shane Jones
List member, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Primary Production Committee
Spokesperson, Forestry, Regional Development
Associate Spokesperson, Finance

Hon Steven Joyce
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister for Economic Development, Science and Innovation, Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment
Associate Minister of Finance
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Nikki Kaye
Member for Auckland Central, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister of Civil Defence, Food Safety, Youth Affairs
Associate Minister of Education, Immigration

Rt Hon John Key
Member for Helensville, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Leader
Prime Minister
Minister of Tourism, Ministerial Services, NZ Security Intelligence Service, Minister Responsible for the GCSB

Hon Annette King
Member for Rongotai, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Health Committee
Spokesperson, Health

Colin King
Member for Kaikoura, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Education and Science Committee
Member, Primary Production Committee
New Zealand Members of Parliament

**Melissa Lee**
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**Current parliamentary roles**
Parliamentary Private Secretary for Ethnic Affairs
Deputy Chairperson, Social Services Committee

**Iain Lees-Galloway**
Member for Palmerston North, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Health Committee, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
Spokesperson, Transport, Veterans’ Affairs
Associate Spokesperson, Health (Alcohol and Drugs)

**Andrew Little**
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**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Justice and Electoral Committee
Spokesperson, Justice, Tourism

**Jan Logie**
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**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Social Services Committee
Spokesperson, Immigration, Income Support, Ethnic Affairs, Human Rights, Overseas Development Aid, Pacific Island Affairs, Rainbow, Women
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Asenati Lole-Taylor
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**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Social Services Committee
Spokesperson, Welfare / Social Policy, Corrections, Pacific Island Affairs, Ethnic Affairs, Housing

Peseta Sam Lotu-Iiga
Member for Maungakiekie, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Commerce Committee
Chairperson, Social Services Committee

Tim Macindoe
Member for Hamilton West, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Junior Whip
Member, Education and Science Committee

Moana Mackey
List member, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee
Spokesperson, Climate Change, Energy and Resources
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Member for Hauraki-Waikato, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Māori Affairs Committee
Spokesperson, Youth Affairs, Māori Development, Education (Māori)

Hon Trevor Mallard
Member for Hutt South, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Shadow Leader of the House
Member, Business Committee, Government Administration Committee, Standing Orders Committee, Spokesperson, Internal Affairs (incl. Ministerial Services), Sport and Recreation Associate Spokesperson, Finance

Tracey Martin
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Current parliamentary roles
Member, Education and Science Committee
Spokesperson, Communications and IT, Education, Research, Science and Technology (including CRIs), Women’s Affairs, Youth Affairs

Mojo Mathers
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Current parliamentary roles
Member, Commerce Committee
Spokesperson, Animal Welfare, Civil Defence, Consumer Affairs, Disability Issues, Food, Natural Health
New Zealand Members of Parliament

**Todd McClay**  
Member for Rotorua, National Party  

**Current parliamentary roles**  
Chairperson, Finance and Expenditure Committee

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**Hon Murray McCully**  
Member for East Coast Bays, National Party  

**Current parliamentary roles**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sport and Recreation  
Member, Privileges Committee

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**Ian McKelvie**  
Member for Rangitikei, National Party  

**Current parliamentary roles**  
Member, Primary Production Committee, Regulations Review Committee, Law and Order Committee

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**Mark Mitchell**  
Member for Rodney, National Party  

**Current parliamentary roles**  
Member, Commerce Committee  
Deputy Chairperson, Law and Order Committee
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Sue Moroney
List member, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
Spokesperson, ACC, Early Childhood Education, Women's Affairs

Alfred Ngaro
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Current parliamentary roles
Member, Social Services Committee
Deputy Chairperson, Justice and Electoral Committee

Dr Russel Norman
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Co-Leader
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Spokesperson, Environment, Economics

Hon Damien O'Connor
Member for West Coast-Tasman, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Chairperson, Primary Production Committee
Spokesperson, Food Safety, Primary Industries
New Zealand Members of Parliament

**Simon O’Connor**
Member for Tamaki, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Education and Science Committee, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee

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**Denis O’Rourke**
List member, NZ First

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Standing Orders Committee, Justice and Electoral Committee
Spokesperson, Attorney-General, Christchurch Earthquake Issues, Civil Defence and Emergency Services, Constitutional Review, Housing, Justice, State Services, Climate Change, Economic Development, Local Government

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**Hon Hekia Parata**
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister of Education, Pacific Island Affairs

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**Hon David Parker**
List member, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee
Deputy Chairperson, Privileges Committee
Spokesperson, Finance, Shadow Attorney-General
Rt Hon Winston Peters
List member, NZ First

Current parliamentary roles
Leader
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee, Privileges Committee

Dr Rajen Prasad
List member, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Social Services Committee
Spokesperson, Ethnic Affairs, Social Inclusion

Richard Prosser
List member, NZ First

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Law and Order Committee
Spokesperson, Agriculture, Biosecurity, Customs, Fisheries, Forestry, Police, Associate Spokesperson, Defence, Veterans’ Affairs

Grant Robertson
Member for Wellington Central, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Leader
Spokesperson, Employment, Skills and Training, Arts, Culture and Heritage
Ross Robertson
Member for Manukau East, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Assistant Speaker
Member, Officers of Parliament Committee
Spokesperson, Racing
Associate Spokesperson, Disarmament (Small Arms)

Denise Roche
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee
Spokesperson, Auckland, Community and Voluntary Sector, Community Economic Development, Gambling, Industrial Relations, State Services, Waste

Jami-Lee Ross
Member for Botany, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Junior Whip
Member, Law and Order Committee

Eric Roy
Member for Invercargill, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Speaker
Member, Government Administration Committee, Primary Production Committee
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Tony Ryall
Member for Bay of Plenty, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister of Health, State Owned Enterprises

Mike Sabin
Member for Northland, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Regulations Review Committee, Social Services Committee
Deputy Chairperson, Transport and Industrial Relations Committee

Eugenie Sage
List member, Green Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Deputy Chairperson, Local Government and Environment Committee
Spokesperson, Christchurch, Conservation, Environment, Land Information, Local Government, Resource Management Issues, Water

Katrina Shanks
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Māori Affairs Committee, Justice and Electoral Committee
Deputy Chairperson, Regulations Review Committee
New Zealand Members of Parliament

**Hon Dr Pita Sharples**
Member for Tamaki Makaurau, Māori Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Co-Leader
Minister of Māori Affairs
Associate Minister of Corrections, Education

**David Shearer**
Member for Mt Albert, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Leader of the Opposition
Spokesperson, Security Intelligence Service, Science and Innovation

**Scott Simpson**
Member for Coromandel, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Health Committee
Chairperson, Justice and Electoral Committee

**Su'a William Sio**
Member for Mangere, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Spokesperson, Inter-Faith Dialogue, Local Government, Pacific Island Affairs
Associate Spokesperson, Foreign Affairs
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Dr Nick Smith
Member for Nelson, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister of Conservation, Housing

Barbara Stewart
List member, NZ First

**Current parliamentary roles**
Whip
Member, Business Committee, Officers of Parliament Committee, Health Committee
Spokesperson, ACC, Disability Issues, Family Affairs, Health, Tourism,
Associate Spokesperson, Senior Citizens

Hon Maryan Street
List member, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Chairperson, Regulations Review Committee
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee
Spokesperson, Disarmament and Arms Control, Environment
Associate Spokesperson, Foreign Affairs

Rino Tirikatene
Member for Te Tai Tonga, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Māori Affairs Committee
Spokesperson, Customs
Associate Spokesperson, Māori Affairs
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Lindsay Tisch
Member for Waikato, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Assistant Speaker
Member, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Law and Order Committee

Hon Anne Tolley
Member for East Coast, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Deputy Leader of the House
Minister of Police, Corrections
Member, Business Committee, Privileges Committee, Standing Orders Committee

Hon Chris Tremain
Member for Napier, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Minister of Internal Affairs, Local Government
Associate Minister of Tourism

Metiria Turei
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Co-Leader
Member, Business Committee, Māori Affairs Committee
Spokesperson, Education, Social Equity
New Zealand Members of Parliament

Hon Tariana Turia
Member for Te Tai Hauauru, Māori Party

Current parliamentary roles
Co-Leader
Minister for Whanau Ora, Disability Issues
Associate Minister of Health, Housing, Social Development, Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment
Member, Privileges Committee

Phil Twyford
Member for Te Atatu, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Social Services Committee
Spokesperson, Auckland Issues, Housing
Associate Spokesperson, Environment

Louise Upston
Member for Taupo, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Senior Whip
Member, Business Committee, Officers of Parliament Committee

Nicky Wagner
Member for Christchurch Central, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Māori Affairs Committee
Chairperson, Local Government and Environment Committee
Holly Walker
List member, Green Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Government Administration Committee
Spokesperson, Arts, Culture and Heritage, Children, Electoral Reform, Housing, Open Government, Youth and Students

Louisa Wall
Member for Manurewa, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Regulations Review Committee, Health Committee
Spokesperson, Community and Voluntary Sector, Health (Inequalities)
Associate Spokesperson, Sport and Recreation

Hon Kate Wilkinson
Member for Waimakariri, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee, Justice and Electoral Committee

Andrew Williams
List member, NZ First

Current parliamentary roles
Member, Local Government and Environment Committee
Associate Spokesperson, Finance, SOEs
New Zealand Members of Parliament

**Hon Maurice Williamson**
Member for Pakuranga, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister for Building and Construction, Customs, Land Information, Statistics

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**Hon Michael Woodhouse**
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Minister of Immigration, Veterans’ Affairs
Associate Minister of Transport
Member, Social Services Committee

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**Dr Megan Woods**
Member for Wigram, Labour Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Education and Science Committee
Spokesperson, Tertiary Education, Transport (Christchurch)
Associate Spokesperson, Science and Innovation

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**Dr Jian Yang**
List member, National Party

**Current parliamentary roles**
Member, Commerce Committee
Member, Health Committee
Jonathan Young
Member for New Plymouth, National Party

Current parliamentary roles
Chairperson, Commerce Committee
Member, Māori Affairs Committee
New Zealand has a population of nearly 4.5 million, with 10 percent of them living in the capital, Wellington. The official languages of New Zealand are English, Māori and New Zealand Sign Language. Its two main islands cover 266,200 sq km (103,735 sq miles), about the size of Japan or California and slightly larger than Great Britain.

New Zealand’s early separation from other land masses allowed many ancient plants and animals to survive and evolve in isolation, so there are species of flora and fauna that are unique to New Zealand. The lack of predatory animals early in New Zealand’s natural history has resulted in the animal population largely consisting of birds, some of which evolved to be flightless.

Māori culture has predominated for most of New Zealand’s history of human habitation. They made an epic journey from the legendary Hawaiki, probably in Polynesia to the north of New Zealand, about 1,000 years ago.

The first documented European to discover New Zealand was Dutch navigator Abel Tasman, who came here in 1642 in search of the fabled great southern continent. More than 125 years later, in 1769, Captain James Cook claimed it for Britain.

More recently, New Zealand culture has been broadened by globalization and immigration from the Pacific Islands, East Asia and South Asia. Modern New Zealanders are known for being friendly and welcoming. As a Māori proverb suggests: He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! (What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people!).
The earliest name for Wellington is Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui, which means “the head of Maui’s fish”, stemming from the Māori legend that Polynesian navigator Maui fished up the North Island. Early tribes include Ngāi Tara, Rangitāne and Ngāti Mamoe. Chief Te Rauparaha, of the Ngāti Toa people, invaded in the 1820s and took Kapiti Island. Later, Taranaki tribes including Te Āti Awa moved south and became Wellington’s tangata whenua. In 1839 it was chosen as the first major planned settlement for British immigrants coming to New Zealand, and several ships arrived at Petone in 1840. In 1865 Wellington was made the country’s capital, replacing Auckland. Today Wellington is a lively city, with a vibrant culture, attracting over half a million international visitors in 2011.

What to do in Wellington

The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa is a distinctive harbour-front building housing the national museum and art collection, and is a pleasant twenty minute walk from Parliament along the waterfront. Information on current exhibits and opening hours can be found at http://www.tepapa.govt.nz. Entry is free.

There is a cable car that runs from Lambton Quay, approximately a ten-minute walk from Parliament, under The Terrace, to the top of Upland Road, where the lookout, the Carter Observatory, the Planetarium and the Cable Car Museum are located. The view from the lookout takes in the city’s central business district and out across the harbour to the Hutt Valley, Eastbourne and Mt Victoria. Visitors can walk back down through the Botanic Gardens and historic Bolton Street cemetery, emerging across the road from Parliament. The cable car runs every ten minutes, from 7.00am-10.00pm on weekdays and 9.00am-10.00pm on weekends.

A short walk from Parliament along Waterloo Quay is the Westpac stadium. The stadium was opened in 2000, and is one of the biggest pre-cast concrete construction jobs undertaken in New Zealand. Because of its shape it is colloquially known as the Cake Tin. It is the home of the Wellington Lions ITM Cup rugby team, and the primary home of the Super Rugby Hurricanes.
New Zealand has a unicameral Parliament consisting of a House of Representatives elected for a term of up to three years. The House is elected using the mixed member proportional representation voting system. Normally there are 120 members of the House of Representatives, of which 70 are directly elected and 50 are drawn from party lists. Currently, there are eight political parties represented in the House. The National Party has formed a minority Government and has confidence and supply agreements with the ACT Party, the Māori Party, and the United Future Party. The Labour Party is the main opposition party. Other parties represented in the House are the Green Party, New Zealand First Party, and the Mana Party.

The New Zealand Parliament follows the Westminster tradition of parliamentary practice and procedure, although some aspects of our practice and procedure have been adapted to suit New Zealand requirements.

New Zealand has no single written constitution or law that is higher than the laws passed in Parliament. Our constitutional rules are contained in a number of Acts of Parliament, documents issued under the authority of the Queen, relevant English and United Kingdom Acts of Parliament, common law, and unwritten constitutional conventions.

**Select committees**

New Zealand’s select committee system enables members of Parliament to examine issues in more detail than is possible in the House of Representatives. Select committees can also provide the public with an opportunity to comment on and suggest changes to impending legislation, and to participate in other parliamentary functions such as inquiries. Select committees carry out public scrutiny of the Government’s spending plans and of the performance and operations of Government departments, Crown entities, and State enterprises. Select committees operate under the authority of the House, and are required to report to the House.

Select committees are appointed at the start of each Parliament (after a general election). Committees currently have from five to 14 members each, with parties broadly represented in proportion to party membership in the House.
Papawai has been home to Wairarapa Māori for hundreds of years. The word Papawai literally means a variety of fern root, or water that lies on blue-coloured clay. Still very much a working marae today, it has great historical and cultural significance to New Zealand.

At the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries Papawai was not merely the most outstanding marae in Wairarapa but one of the most important culturally in Aotearoa. At the peak of its national importance Papawai was the largest marae in the country. It was the focus of Kotahitanga, the Māori Parliament movement, and hosted many important meetings to discuss issues of importance to Māori.

Sunday 22 April will be a day in the Wairarapa for the participants to visit Papawai Marae, Solomon Island seasonal orchard workers in Greytown, and a community meal at Pātaka museum.
Useful information

1. Recording of proceedings

All Forum proceedings will be recorded. Transcripts will be provided only of the debates.

2. Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation services will be provided for Te Reo Māori and French.

3. Communications

An internet café has been set up for participants’ use. Participants can access the Internet, Word, Excel and Powerpoint from the café, and printing services. A fax machine will be available for use in the café. Participants will also have access to free wireless (via a Forum address) to allow them to use their own devices. The network and password for the Wi-Fi can be obtained from support staff.

4. Media

All media have been invited to attend the Forum. There is a designated media room (Select Committee Room 7) where interviews can occur and media statements made.

5. Pōwhiri

New Zealand’s Māori Members of Parliament will formally welcome participants.

6. Miscellaneous information

No smoking regulations
Participants are reminded that inside Parliament Buildings, inside all public buildings, and in all restaurants and hotels, smoking is not permitted.

First Aid
Should any participant require first aid or medical assistance, please contact a support officer.
Useful information

Nearest pharmacy
Unichem Lambton Quay Pharmacy
Bowen House
28 Lambton Quay

Open; Monday to Thursday 8.00am – 6.00pm
Friday 8.00am-7.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm
Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

04 472 0293

Nearest supermarket
Thorndon New World
41 Murphy St,
Thorndon
Open Monday to Sunday 7.00am – 11.00pm
04 499 9041

After hours medical centre
17 Adelaide Road
Newtown
Open; Monday to Sunday 8.00am – 11.00pm
04 384 4944

Currency exchange
Travelex Currency Services
120 Lambton Quay
Open; Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
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31 Pipitea Street
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Embassy of France
Levels 12 and 13
Sovereign House
34–42 Manners Street
Wellington 04 384 2555

Consulate of the Republic of Kiribati
3 Gladstone Road, Northcote
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Consulate of the Republic of Nauru
Level 12, Citibank Centre, 23 Customs St
Auckland
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High Commission for Niue
1 Katherine Avenue
Thorndon, Wellington
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High Commission of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Level 5, Goethe-Institut Building
148–150 Cuba Street, Wellington
04 385 2474

Samoa High Commission
1A Wesley Road
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Epsom, Auckland 1024
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Flower badges

The delegates' badges bear images of iconic flowers from their home countries. Some of them are officially designated national flowers, while others have come to be associated with their places of origin because of their familiarity, beauty or rarity.

Guam: Bougainvillea
New Zealand: Kowhai
Northern Mariana Is: Plumeria
Nauru: Frangipani
New Caledonia: Amborella

American Samoa: Moso'oi
Marshall Islands: Tobago
Cook Islands: Tiare
Micronesia: Ixora
Fiji: Tagimucia

Kiriwai: Pandanus
Flower badges

Niue: Tiare

Solomon Islands: Ornamental ginger

Tuvalu: Frangipani

Palau: Bikkia

Tokelau: Kiekie

Vanuatu: Dendrobium

Papua New Guinea: Sepik blue orchid

Tonga: Heilala

Wallis & Futuna: Beach morning glory

Samoa: Teuila
Map of central Wellington