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CPA Communications: CPA in the news

CPA features regularly in the news media (print and online) across the Commonwealth

- Over 300 news mentions each year
- Over 50 news stories featured on the CPA website annually
- Over 50 press releases and media statements to the wider CPA membership annually

Former Labour MP flies in to speak at CPA AGM

A FORMER UK MP was due to visit the island today in his role as secretary general of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Stephen Twigg, who took up his CPA role in 1999 after 17 years as a Labour MP, is to address the CPA Jersey Branch at its 67th annual general meeting.

Members of the island branch are expected to highlight recent initiatives including campaigns to encourage more women to stand for election and how to help strengthen policy making to protect women and girls from violence and abuse.

Deputy Carolyn Labsy, chair of the Jersey Branch executive committee, said: "The CPA provides fantastic opportunities to share ideas and discuss best practices on the global stage."

The first I have been involved in, we have not been able to meet face to face with our colleagues in other jurisdictions, so we are particularly looking forward to welcoming the secretary general to Jersey and hearing his insights.

Mr. Twigg said the CPA provided multiple avenues for members to build strong relationships with, and learn from, other Commonwealth jurisdictions in the promotion of parliamentary democracy.

"I look forward to meeting with Jersey States Members during my visit and learning from their perspectives," he said.
The newly launched site at www.cpahq.org includes a wide range of resources, information and online learning opportunities for Commonwealth Parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and the wider public.
CPA website - Branch Directory

Information about each of the 180 Commonwealth Parliaments that make up the membership of the CPA at national, subnational and territorial level.
Toolkits, booklets, guides and resources.
The Parliamentarian – CPA’s flagship journal

The Parliamentarian is the Journal of Commonwealth Parliaments

• Published by the CPA quarterly – both print and online editions
• 17,000 circulation across 180 Parliaments, research and academic libraries, international organisations and subscribers
• Articles written by Members of Parliament, parliamentary staff and international experts
• Focus on key global themes affecting the Commonwealth
• Editorial Advisory Board with representatives from nine regions, youth reps and CWP - to strengthen the outreach and intellectual rigour of the Journal

Email editor@cpahq.org
Parliamentary Conversations in the Commonwealth

Parliamentary Conversations in the Commonwealth, a podcast by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), gives a voice to parliamentarians, civil society experts and activists across the Commonwealth to discuss common democratic challenges.

Blog Post: Equality for all in the Commonwealth

Monday 17 May 2023

To mark this year’s International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, Commonwealth Parliamentarians from Australia (Federal), South Australia and New South Wales, New Zealand and Canada share their experiences.

Blog Post: Progress and pain in equal measure for LGBTIQ+ Rights in New South Wales

On this year’s International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, I note the progress and the pain.

Progress that can make another woman feel safe and that LGBTIQ+ people in Australia are free to marry anyone they love.
Social media: Staying connected with the CPA

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Scrubinty/Oversight Committees

Many Parliaments establish **scrutiny** or **oversight committees** to oversee Government departments or other public bodies, or to monitor aspects of Government policy.

![Diagram of Parliament to Government with flows indicating Scrutiny, Oversight, and Accountability]

Sometimes these Committees are **departmental**: that is, a separate committee shadows each major Government department.
Engaging with Witnesses

As well as hearing from government, commercial and civil society organisations, parliamentary committees often want to receive evidence directly from members of the public. This is particularly valuable when inquiring into a social issue or a public service. Engaging with individual witnesses requires particular attention and, sometimes, different approaches.

3.2.6 Committees hear evidence from people who wish to be heard, if practicable, or at least ensure that hearings cover the diverse perspectives of submitters.

CPA Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures

Witnesses will want to know of further developments for example, when the committee reports, the Government responds, or the matter is debated in the House. It is not just courteous to keep them informed, it is important to the reputation of Parliament, and public confidence in the democratic process, that witnesses see the impact of their evidence.
CPA Parliamentary Academy – Available Course

CPA Parliamentary Professional Development Certificate

• Induction for New Parliamentarians
• Legislative Process
• Scrutiny, Accountability and Oversight
• Representation, Advocacy and Education

CPA Parliamentary Service Professional Development Certificate

• Basic Principles of Parliamentary Procedure
• Committee System
• Administration and Management of Parliaments
• Building Relationships
• Strategy, Business Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation
CPA Parliamentary Academy – Courses in Development

CPA Networks

• CWP – Effective Women Parliamentary Caucuses
• CPwD – Accessibility of Commonwealth Parliaments to Persons with Disabilities
• Small Branches – Climate Change Action

CPA Additional Courses

• Speakers and Presiding Officers Course
• Committee Chairs Course
• Sustainable Development Goals
• Public Accounts Committee Course (in collaboration with CPA UK)

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