



**Report to Queensland Parliament  
Honourable Curtis Pitt MP  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly**

**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's  
Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting  
17 – 20 April 2023 in Gibraltar**

QUEENSLAND BRANCH



Honourable Members

I table this report for the information of the House.

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**Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**  
**Speaker of the Legislative Assembly**

**Date:** 22 May 2023

## **Purpose of the Travel**

The primary purpose of this travel was to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee in Gibraltar.

The Victorian CPA Regional Representative, Mr Bruce Atkinson, retired at last year's Victorian election and the Victorian Branch indicated they were not in a position to provide a replacement Regional Representative to attend the CPA activities in Gibraltar. Accordingly, Victoria asked if the Standby Branch, being Queensland, would be able to provide an alternate representative and approached my office.

The meeting activities were held between 17-19 April 2023.

The itinerary is enclosed at **Attachment A**.

The full programme for the Mid-Year Meeting is set out in **Attachment B**.

## **Accompanying persons**

Whilst I was the only representative from Queensland participating in the meeting, I was joined by two Australian Regional Representatives, Sen Sue Lines (President, Parliament of Australia) and Hon Mark Shelton MP (Speaker of the House of Assembly, Tasmania).

## **CPA Executive Committee Overview**

The Constitution of the CPA vests in an Executive Committee the control and management of the activities and business of the Association. The CPA Executive Committee meets just prior to and just after the General Assembly, to which it reports, and the CPA Executive Committee holds a second meeting in another Commonwealth country midway between General Assemblies.

The CPA Executive Committee consists of approximately 36 Members led by the Chairperson of the CPA and comprising the Officers of the Association (who include the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP), the CPA Small Branches Chairperson and the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities Chairperson) and three Regional Representatives from each Region, except the CPA Africa Region which, as the largest Region in the Commonwealth, has six Regional Representatives.

The CPA Executive Committee also has two Honorary members - the CPA President and the CPA Vice-President.

## **Benefits obtained from this travel**

The benefits of the trip to Gibraltar are set out below:

- Maintain active membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on behalf of the Queensland Parliament
- Advance Queensland Parliament's interests with the CPA and learn more about areas of mutual interest
- The opportunity to represent Queensland and act as alternate Regional Representative at the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee as requested by Victoria, with Queensland being the Standby Branch
- The opportunity to contribute to the governance of the Executive Committee
- The ability to develop closer ties with members of the CPA Executive Committee including Officers of the Association and Regional Representatives from each of the nine CPA regions.

The basis of the reporting requirement for this travel is detailed at ***Attachment C***.

## **Personal Component of Travel**

One day and night was spent in Gibraltar at the conclusion of the meeting programme for personal reasons. Associated costs with the personal component of travel were borne personally.

## **Attachment A - Travel itinerary**

Saturday 15 April	Depart Cairns for Brisbane	Travel day
Sunday 16 April – Monday 17 April	Depart Brisbane for Gibraltar, via Perth and London	Travel day
Monday 17 April	Evening Welcome Reception	Official visit
Tuesday 18 April – Wednesday 19 April	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee in Gibraltar	Official visit
Thursday 20 April	Personal Day in Gibraltar	Personal day
Friday 21 April – Sunday 23 April	Depart Gibraltar for Cairns, via London, Dubai and Brisbane	Travel day

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# **CPA Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting**

**Gibraltar | 17-20 April 2023**

**Programme and Biographies Booklet**

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#### GUIDANCE NOTES FOR CPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

\*CPA Regional Representatives terms run for three consecutive Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences (CPCs)/General Assemblies. No CPC/General Assembly was held in 2018, 2020 and 2021.

\*\*CPA Officers (CPA Chairperson, Treasurer, CWP Chairperson, CPA Small Branches Chairperson and CPwD Chairperson) terms run for three years until the next available CPC/GA.

\*\*\*CPA Officers (CPA President, CPA Vice-President and CPA Vice-Chairperson) terms run from one CPC to the following CPC.

Recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences (CPC):

- 62<sup>nd</sup> CPC in London, UK in 2016
- 63<sup>rd</sup> CPC in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2017
- 64<sup>th</sup> CPC in Kampala, Uganda in 2019
- 65<sup>th</sup> CPC in Halifax, Canada in 2022
- 66<sup>th</sup> CPC due in Accra, Ghana in 2023
- 67<sup>th</sup> CPC due in New South Wales, Australia in 2024



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## CPA Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting

### Programme and Biographies Booklet

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# Programme

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## Monday 17 April 2023 - Day 1

- Arrival of CPA Co-ordinating Committee, CPA Executive Committee Members (Regional Representatives) and CPA Regional Secretaries
- 7:00pm – Welcome Reception at Sunborn Hotel, Sapphire Bar, deck 3

## Tuesday 18 April 2023 - Day 2

- 9:00 – 11:00am – CPA Co-ordinating Committee and Audit Subcommittee meetings - Atlas Rooms (Co-ordinating Committee Members Only)
- 11:30 – 12:30pm – CPA Regional Secretaries meeting - Atlas Rooms
- 1:00 – 2:00pm – Lunch - The Barbary, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- 2:00 – 4:00pm – CPA Executive Committee meeting - Aurora Ballroom
- 4:00 – 6:00pm - Finance Subcommittee (Atlas Rooms) and Planning & Review Subcommittee (Aurora Ballroom)
- 7:30pm – CPA Gibraltar Branch dinner - Grand Battery House.

## Wednesday 19 April 2023 - Day 3

- 9:00 – 12:00pm – CPA Executive Committee meeting (continued) - Aurora Ballroom
- 1:00 – 2:00pm – Lunch - The Barbary, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- 3:00pm – Gibraltar Rock Tour (pick-up at hotel)

## Thursday 20 April 2023 - Day 4

- Departure of CPA Co-ordinating Committee, CPA Executive Committee Members (Regional Representatives) and CPA Regional Secretaries.
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# Officers of the Association

**Patron of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**  
**Vacant**

**Vice-Patron (65th CPC to 66th CPC)**  
**TBC – Ghana**

**CPA PRESIDENT**  
65th CPC to 66th CPC

**Rt Hon. Alban Bagbin, MP**



**GHANA**

Present Role:	Speaker of the Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1993
Political Party:	National Democratic Congress

**Career Summary:** He is the Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana (Speaker of 8<sup>th</sup> Parliament of the Fourth Republic) since 7 January 2021. He was previously the Second Deputy Speaker of Parliament (2017-2021).

He was elected as the Member of Parliament for Nadowli North Constituency (1993-2005) and subsequently for Nadowli West Constituency (2005-2021). He also held the position of Minister for Health (2012-2013) and Minister for Water Resources, Works and Housing (2010-2012).

Prior to his election, he worked as a lawyer and was the acting Secretary to the Statistical Service Board at the Bureau of Statistics and Statistical Service. He also taught English in Libya.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and English at the University of Ghana; Executive Masters in Governance and Leadership from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

**Recent CPA activities:**  
Member of the CPA Executive Committee as *Acting* Regional Representative for the CPA Africa Region (2012-2015).

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2015: 61<sup>st</sup> CPA General Assembly and Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2015: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Sabah, Malaysia; 2014: 60<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Yaounde, Cameroon.

**CPA VICE-PRESIDENT**  
65th CPC to 66th CPC

**Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox, MLC**



**NEW SOUTH WALES**

Present Role:	President of the Legislative Council
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2006
Political Party:	Liberal

**Career Summary:** He is the President of the New South Wales Legislative Council since 4 May 2021. Previously, he was a Member of the New South Wales Legislative Council for the Liberal Party from 28 September 2006. He was the Minister for Fair Trading between May 2014 and April 2015 and served as Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia in the Legislative Council during 2014 and 2015.

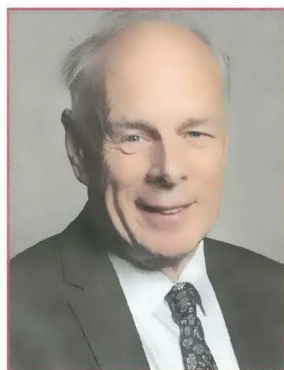
Prior to his political career, he operated an optometry business in the city of Queanbeyan, New South Wales and later served at senior levels in the Australian Public Service and served as Secretary and Senior Adviser to a number of Federal Parliamentary Committees including the Defence Sub-Committee and the Family Law Committee inquiry into the Child Support Scheme.

He also trained as a solicitor. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) degree from the University of New South Wales, where he was awarded the University Prize for Banking Law.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.

**CPA CHAIRPERSON**  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP



**UNITED KINGDOM**

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2001
Political Party:	Conservative Party

**Career Summary:** He was elected to the UK Parliament at the 2001 General Election for the seat of Bridgwater in Somerset (boundary changes created the new seat of Bridgwater and West Somerset in 2010).

He has been a Member of the International Development Committee since March 2020. He has also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees including Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art; Environmental Audit Committee; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; Scottish Affairs Committee; and Public Administration Committee. He chairs a number of All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the UK Parliament on Energy Studies, Nuclear Energy, Pharmaceuticals, Dyslexia and Tax.

Before entering Parliament, he ran a 250-acre farm in the Scottish Borders before becoming the Managing Director of his family's property management and development company. He was commissioned in the Territorial Army where he was promoted to Major, serving with 6th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. He was also elected as a District Councillor on Tynedale District Council in Northumberland.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda. He is also the Chairperson of the CPA UK Branch Executive Committee.

Previously, he was the Acting CPA Chairperson (from April 2021 until August 2022) following the death of the late Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka, MP, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Cameroon. He was also Acting Vice-Chairperson and Executive Committee Regional Representative for CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region (64<sup>th</sup> CPC to April 2021).

**CPA VICE-CHAIRPERSON**  
65th CPC to 66th CPC

Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, MP



**GHANA**

Present Portfolio or Office:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1997
Political Party:	New Patriotic Party

**Career Summary:** He is a Ghanaian urban planner and politician. He is currently the majority leader in the Ghanaian Parliament and also the Minister Designate for Parliamentary Affairs in Ghana.

He is the Chairperson for the Special Budget, House, and Business Committees. He is also a member of the Finance, Mines and Energy, Standing Orders, and Selection Committees.

He graduated from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

He was previously the Acting CPA Vice-Chairperson (from August 2021) – Completing the term started by Hon. John Ajaka, MLC, President of the Legislative Council of New South Wales and Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP.

He also holds the position of CPA Executive Committee Regional Representative for CPA Africa Region (64<sup>th</sup> CPC to 67<sup>th</sup> CPC).

**Also: Executive Committee Regional Representative for CPA Africa Region (64th CPC to 67th CPC).**

**CPA TREASURER**  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

**Hon. Shri Anurag Sharma, MP**



**INDIA UNION**

Present Role:	Member of Lok Sabha
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2019
Political Party:	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

**Career Summary:**

Elected to 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha for the constituency of Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) in 2019.

He is a Member of the Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests; the Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare; and the Consultative Committee at the Ministry of Rural Development.

Education: B.Com. (Hons), M.Com., OPM Programme at Hislop College, Nagpur, Bundelkhand University, U.P. and Harvard Business School, Harvard University

**Recent CPA activities:**

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

The CPA Treasurer was elected for a three-year term at the 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in August 2022.

Interests: Reading books, travelling, promotion of health & fitness, promotion of sports (Hockey)

**CWP CHAIRPERSON** **Hon. Dr Zainab Gimba, MP**  
65th CPC to 68th CPC



**NIGERIA**

Present Role:	Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2019
Political Party:	All Progressives Congress (APC)

**Career Summary:** Hon. Zainab Gimba started her public service career as a Lecturer, in the Department of Public Administration, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria in 2002. Before entering Parliament, she had from 2011-2018 served as Commissioner in charge of Poverty Alleviation and Youth Empowerment, Universal Basic Education Board and Water Resources in Borno, Nigeria. Her public service was rewarded when her people elected her in 2019 to the Nigeria House of Representatives.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Public Administration from the University of Maiduguri and a PhD in Public Administration and Policy Analysis from the University of Abuja. Hon. Gimba has received many awards and recognitions from professional and Trade Union bodies for her service in community development and empowerment of vulnerable women.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

The Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Chairperson was elected for a three-year term at the CWP Business Meeting at the CWP seventh triennial conference that took place in Halifax, Canada as part of the wider 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in August 2022. She also previously held the role of Chairperson of the CWP Africa Region.

CPA SMALL BRANCHES  
CHAIRPERSON  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Joy Burch, MLA



## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Present Role: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Political Party: Australian Labor Party

**Career Summary:** Joy Burch was first elected in 2008 as the Member for Brindabella and has served on a number of Committees including Administration and Procedure; Health, Ageing, Community and Social Services; and Justice and Community; and has held several Ministerial positions. She served as Deputy Speaker becoming Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory in October 2016.

### Recent CPA activities:

Joy Burch assumed the role of Acting CPA Small Branches Chairperson in February 2021 upon the resignation of the previous CPA Small Branches Chairperson, Hon. Niki Rattle (Cook Islands). Hon. Joy Burch was at the time the Vice-Chairperson of the CPA Small Branches Steering Committee and so assumed the role of Acting CPA Small Branches Chairperson until the next CPA Small Branches Conference. She was elected as CPA Small Branches Chairperson in August 2022 at the 38<sup>th</sup> CPA Small Branches Conference.

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: CPA Small Branches Sustainable Economies Workshop, Malta; 2017: CPA Small Branches Strategic Planning Meeting, Malta.

CPwD  
CHAIRPERSON  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Hon. Laura Kanushu, MP



## UGANDA

Present Role: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2019

Political Party: All Progressives Congress (APC)

**Career Summary:** Hon. Laura Kanushu is a Ugandan lawyer, politician and legislator. She represents people with disabilities in the Parliament of Uganda, where she is a member of the National Resistance Movement (NRM). Her career as a human rights advocate has focused especially for people with disabilities and she is the Executive Director of Legal Action for People with Disabilities (LAPD). She is an Executive Member of the Uganda Women's Parliamentary Association (UWOPA) as the people with disabilities representative.

In the Parliament of Uganda, she is a Member of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline and she is also a Member of the Gender Labour and Social Development Committee.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Hon. Laura Kanushu, MP was elected as the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) Chairperson at the CPwD Regional Champions meeting held in the margins of the 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Halifax, Canada in August 2022. In the same year, the CPwD Chairperson also became an Officer of the Association and a Member of the CPA Executive Committee.

## CPA Executive Committee: Regional Representatives



### KENYA

Present Portfolio or Office: Member of Parliament

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Political Party: WDM-K

#### Career Summary:

March 2013 to date: Member of the Kenya National Assembly, Kitui Central Constituency:

- Member of House Business Committee.
- Parliamentary Committee on Budget & Appropriations.
- Parliamentary Committee on Administration & National Security

2007 to date: self-employed as Independent Consultant (Monitoring & Evaluation, General Programme/Project Management); 2004-2007: Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Governance, Justice, Law and Order Reform Programme (GJLOS), Kenya; 1997-2004: Programme Officer: Monitoring and Evaluation, Community Development Trust Fund (CDTF), Kenya; 1991-1997: Economist/Statistician, Ministry of Finance and Planning.

Education: PhD in Economics, Kenyatta University, Kenya (2015); MA in Economics, University of Nairobi, 1992; BA in Economics (1st class), University of Nairobi, 1990.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK. 2016 to date: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Africa Region, Finance, Planning and Budget Committee Member.

Interests: Reading, travelling, political discussions, socializing, listening to gospel music.

CPA AFRICA REGION  
63rd CPC to 66th CPC

Vacant



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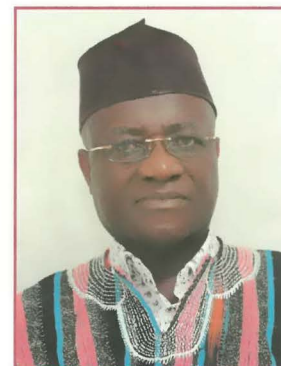
Present Role:

Year First Elected  
to Parliament:

Political Party:

CPA AFRICA REGION  
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, MP



GHANA

Present Portfolio  
or Office:

Member of Parliament

Year First Elected  
to Parliament:

1997

Political Party:

New Patriotic Party

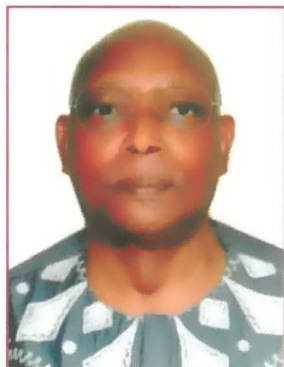
**Career Summary:** He is a Ghanaian urban planner and politician. He is currently the majority leader in the Ghanaian Parliament and also the Minister Designate for Parliamentary Affairs in Ghana.

He is the Chairperson for the Special Budget, House, and Business Committees. He is also a member of the Finance, Mines and Energy, Standing Orders, and Selection Committees.

He graduated from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

***Also: CPA Vice-Chairperson (2022 to 2023).***



## SIERRA LEONE

Present Role: Speaker of Parliament

Year First Elected  
to Parliament: 1982

**Career Summary:** Dr Abass Bundu has held numerous positions including as a Law Tutor in Cambridge University; Assistant Director of International Affairs and Consultant in Constitutional Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London from 1975–82; Executive Secretary of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from 1989–1993; Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (1993–1995); Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources 1982–85; Member of Parliament, 1982-1992; and Presidential candidate in the 1996 Presidential election in Sierra Leone. He was elected as Speaker of Parliament on 25th April, 2018.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Australian National University (ANU) and both a Master of Laws and a PhD in International Law from the University of Cambridge, England. He is also a Barrister-at-Law.

**CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.



## SOUTH AFRICA

Present Role: Deputy Speaker of the  
National Assembly, Parliament  
of South Africa

Year First Elected  
to Parliament: 1994

Political Party: African National Congress (ANC)

**Career Summary:** Hon. Lechesa Tsenoli was re-elected as the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly in the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament of the Republic of South Africa in 2019, his second term as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. He has more than 25 years as a public representative, including roles in both Legislative sector and the Executive.

He is the founding National Deputy President and later President of the South African National Civics Organisation (SANCO). He is a member of the ANC and a member of the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party (SACP) following his re-election in its 14<sup>th</sup> congress in 2017.

A Member of Parliament since 1994, Mr. Tsenoli served on many Parliamentary Committees and he also served as Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. He was also a Member of Executive Council of the Free State Provincial Government.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; CPA Masterclass video interview on 'male champions' for equality.

**Interests:** Mr Tsenoli has a long history of political activism in communities, youth and civic organisations. He has spoken at many conferences and written for a number of publications.

**CPA AFRICA REGION**  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

**Hon. Raymond Nkhata, MP**



**MALAWI**

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year First Elected  
to Parliament:

Political Party: Democratic Progressive Party  
(DPP)

**Career Summary:**

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.

**CPA ASIA REGION**  
63rd CPC to 66th CPC

**Hon. Dr Lal Chand Ukrani, MPA**



**SINDH**

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year First Elected  
to Parliament: 2007

Political Party: Pakistan People's Party

**Career Summary:**

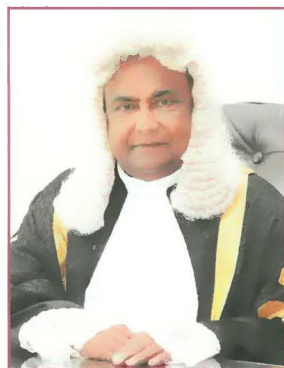
2007 to date: Elected as MPA.

Member: Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, Standing Committee on Services, General Administration & Coordination Department (Services, GA, I&C & IPC Wings), Public Accounts Committee, Standing Committee on Minorities Affairs.

Education: MBBS (Doctor).

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.

Interests: Sports, politics.



## SRI LANKA

Present Role:	Speaker of the Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1983
Political Party:	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)

**Career Summary:** Following a successful career in public service, he joined the United National Party Youth Front as a Central Committee Member (1974-1977) and was also elected the Chairman of the National Management Assistant Association of Sri Lanka (1974-1976). He made his political debut in 1983 when he was elected as a Member of Parliament from the United National Party in the by-election held for the Hakmana electorate in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka, serving until 1987.

He then joined the Democratic United National Front, a breakaway group of the then ruling United National Party. He became Chairman of the Southern Provincial Council in 1993 and became the Chief Minister of the Southern Province (1994-1999). Subsequently, he re-entered Parliament in 2000 until 2004. In 2004, he was appointed the Deputy Minister of Health and Nutrition, then Cabinet Minister of Cultural affairs & National Heritage, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Having been elected as a Member of Parliament in the 2020 General Election, he was elected as the 11th Speaker of the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 20th August 2020.

**Education:** University of Colombo in 1965 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1968.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, MP, Sri Lanka.**



## BANGLADESH

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2014
Political Party:	Bangladesh Awami League

**Career Summary:** Kazi Nabil Ahmed is a Bangladeshi politician and the incumbent Member of Parliament representing the Jessore-3 constituency since 2014.

He is the current Vice-President of the Bangladesh Football Federation and the Chairman of the National Team's Committee.

He has held a number of business roles including Director of the Kazi & Kazi Tea Estate Limited. He has a Masters of Science degree.

**Recent CPA activities:** 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



## QUEENSLAND

Present Role:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2009
Political Party:	Australian Labor Party

Career Summary: Hon. Curtis Pitt MP was elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Queensland Parliament) on 13 February 2018.

From February 2015 to December 2017, he was the Treasurer of Queensland during which time he also had responsibility for portfolios including Trade and Investment, Employment and Industrial Relations, Energy and Water Supply, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, and Sport. He has also previously served as Minister for Disability Services and was Queensland's first standalone Minister for Mental Health in 2011.

He has a Bachelor of Arts (Politics) from James Cook University in Cairns.

Before entering politics, he worked in film publicity and in the Queensland Public Service. He led the Queensland Government's Indigenous Jobs and Enterprises Taskforce, established to improve economic participation for members of discrete Indigenous communities. He was an Auxiliary Firefighter with the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, and is currently a member of the Edmonton Lions Club and the Gordonvale RSL Citizens' Auxiliary.

Interests: His sporting interests include tennis, rugby league, basketball, cycling and judo. Curtis is also a self-professed Star Wars nerd and comic book geek.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.



## AUSTRALIA FEDERAL

Present Role:	President of the Senate
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2013
Political Party:	Australian Labor Party

Career Summary: Senator Hon. Sue Lines is the President of the Senate in the Federal Parliament of Australia. She was first chosen by the Parliament of Western Australia in 2013 to represent the State in the Senate and was subsequently elected to the Senate for Western Australia in 2016 and 2022. She has held a number of parliamentary roles including as Deputy President and Chair of Committees from 2016 to 2022. Prior to her parliamentary service, she worked as a teacher and as a union organiser.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

***Completing the term started by Senator Hon. Scott Ryan and Senator Hon. Slade Brockman, both former Presidents of the Australian Senate.***

CPA AUSTRALIA  
REGION  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Hon. Mark Shelton, MP



TASMANIA

Present Role:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2010
Political Party:	Liberal Party of Australia

Career Summary: Mark Shelton is Speaker of the House of Assembly and a Liberal Member of the Tasmanian Parliament representing the Division of Lyons. Mark was first elected to the House of Assembly in March 2010 and was re-elected in 2014, 2018 and 2021.

From July 2019 to May 2021 Mark served in the Ministry as Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management and as Minister for Local Government. In June of 2021 Mark was elected Speaker of the House of Assembly for the second time, having served in the previously role from October 2017 to May 2018.

Recent CPA activities:

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.

CPA BRITISH  
ISLANDS AND  
MEDITERRANEAN  
REGION  
63rd CPC to 66th CPC

Hon. Leona Roberts, MLA



FALKLAND ISLANDS

Present Role:	Member of the Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2017
Political Party:	Independent

Career Summary:

She has lead portfolio responsibility for Environment and Public Protection, Policy and Public Relations and secondary portfolio responsibility for Education and Community.

Previous career: Director of the Falkland Islands national museum for 14 years.

Education: Chartered Management Institute - Diploma in Management (L5).

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Interests: Family Time, History, Politics, Current Affairs, Reading, Music.

CPA BRITISH  
ISLANDS AND  
MEDITERRANEAN  
REGION  
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Chris Elmore, MP



UNITED KINGDOM

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2016
Political Party:	Labour Party

Career Summary:

Chris Elmore is a Welsh Labour Party politician. He has been the UK Member of Parliament for Ogmore since 2016.

He has held roles on the Justice Select Committee and the Welsh Affairs Select Committee as well as being an Opposition Whip. He focuses on issues that impact young people and youth engagement as well as rail passenger safety

Previously, he worked in further education and was a local councillor for Casteland in the Vale of Glamorgan Council. He attended Cardiff Metropolitan University completing a degree in History and Culture in 2005.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP and Hon. Julie Elliott, MP (United Kingdom).**

CPA BRITISH  
ISLANDS AND  
MEDITERRANEAN  
REGION  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Hon. Stuart McMillan, MSP



SCOTLAND

Present Role:	Member of the Scottish Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Scottish National Party

Career Summary:

Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) since his election in 2007. Re-elected in 2016. Member of the following Committees: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee (Member); Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (Deputy Convener).

2016: Chair of the Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism.

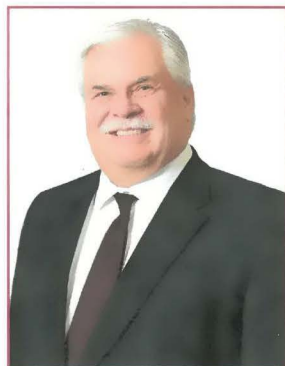
1998-2000: Supply Analyst-IBM UK Ltd; 2000-2003: Researcher: SNP Whips Office, Westminster; 2003-2007: Office Manager for Bruce McFee MSP.

Education: University of Abertay, Dundee, BA (Hons) European Business Management with Languages; University of Abertay, Dundee, MBA (European).

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Interests: Football, music (he plays the bagpipes), travel and reading.

## Hon. Randy Weekes, MLA



### SASKATCHEWAN

Present Role:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1999
Political Party:	Saskatchewan Party

#### Career Summary:

Randy Weekes is the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan for the constituency of Biggar-Sask Valley, after first being elected in 1999.

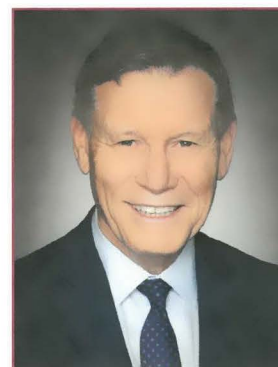
When the Saskatchewan Party won the 2007 election, he was appointed as the Government Whip and he went on to serve in several other positions throughout the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> Legislatures, including in Cabinet from 2012 to 2014.

He has served as Deputy Chair of the Legislature's Standing Committee on the Economy and as a Member on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, Standing Committee on House Services, Standing Committee on Agriculture, and the Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills and the Private Bills Committee. He also served as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, and the Board of Internal Economy. He has held the positions of Deputy House Leader, Government Caucus Chair and he has served as the Minister responsible for Rural and Remote Health. Following the 2020 general election, he was elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Kevin Murphy (Nova Scotia).**

## Hon. Terry Duguid, MP



### CANADA FEDERAL

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2015
Political Party:	Liberal Party of Canada

#### Career Summary:

Terry Duguid is a Canadian politician and executive in Manitoba, Canada, and is currently the MP for Winnipeg South in the House of Commons of Canada. He has campaigned for elected office at the municipal, provincial and federal levels, and served as a city councillor in Winnipeg from 1989 to 1995.

He has been involved a variety of eco-business pursuits in the Winnipeg area, including being President of Sustainable Development International, and serving as Chairman of the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission. He is also the founding President of the International Centre for Infectious Diseases, a not-for-profit organisation created after the outbreak of SARS to support and enhance the mandate of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

In Parliament, he has held several positions including Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change; Parliamentary Secretary for the Status of Women; Vice-Chair of the Canada-China Legislative Association; Vice-Chair of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Yasmin Ratansi, MP (Canada Federal).**

CPA CANADA  
REGION  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Hon. Raj Chouhan, MLA  
*Alternate for Ontario*



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Present Role:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2005
Political Party:	New Democrat

Career Summary:

Raj Chouhan is a Canadian politician and trade unionist, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia as the MLA for Burnaby-Edmonds in the 2005 provincial election. He is serving as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. He previously served as the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 2017 to 2020. While in opposition he served as the critic for Mental Health; Human Rights, Immigration and Multiculturalism and Labour. He was re-elected in 2009 and 2013.

Born in the Punjab province of India, Chouhan was the founding president of the Canadian Farmworkers Union and served as a director of the Hospital Employees' Union. He also served as a member of the Labour Relations Board of B.C. and the Arbitration Bureau of B.C.

A founding member of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism, Chouhan has worked to promote human rights and racial equality. He has served as the Vice President of B.C. Human Rights Defenders since 2003, and has taught courses on Human Rights, the B.C. Labour Code and collective bargaining since 1987.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.

CPA CARIBBEAN,  
AMERICAS AND  
ATLANTIC REGION  
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Claudius J. Francis, MP



SAINT LUCIA

Present Role:	Speaker of the House of Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2012
Political Party:	Saint Lucia Labour Party

Career Summary:

He is a politician and the current Speaker of the House of Assembly of Saint Lucia since 2021.

He was previously President of the Senate between 2012 and 2016. He is also the former Chairperson of the Saint Lucia Labour Party.

He is a Saint Lucian television talk show host and politician, who is the host of Straight Up with Claudius Francis on HTS Channel 4.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

***Completing the term started by Hon. Andy Glenn Daniel, MP (St Lucia)***

CPA CARIBBEAN,  
AMERICAS AND  
ATLANTIC REGION  
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Gordon J. Burton, MHA



TURKS AND CAICOS

Present Portfolio or Office:	Speaker of the House of Representatives
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2021
Political Party:	Progressive National Party (PNP)

**Career Summary:** Gordon Burton was appointed as Speaker of the House of Assembly in the Turks and Caicos Islands and was sworn in on 5 March 2021. In this role, he chairs the House, Standing Orders and Privileges Committees of Parliament.

He has considerable experience in leadership roles in the public sector having served as Chair of the National Insurance Board, the Turks and Caicos Islands Community College Board and the Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority. He is a past Vice Chairman of The Turks and Caicos National Trust and he has also served on the boards of several social organisations including Crime Stoppers Turks & Caicos and the Kiwanis Club of Providenciales.

He has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida and an MBA with a concentration in finance from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. He also has a diploma in International Trust Management from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners in the United Kingdom. He has served as President of the Association of Company Managers and Agents; a member of the Company Law Advisory Committee of the Financial Services Commission of the Turks & Caicos Islands and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the National Insurance Board of the Turks & Caicos Islands.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

**Completing the term started by started by Hon. Dwayne Taylor, MHA, CPA Turks and Caicos Branch.**

CPA CARIBBEAN,  
AMERICAS AND  
ATLANTIC REGION  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

Hon. Arthur Holder, MP



BARBADOS

Present Role:	Speaker of the House of Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Barbados Labour Party

**Career Summary:**  
He is a Barbadian lawyer and politician.

He has been the designated Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados since 2018. He successfully contested the St. Michael Central seat for the Barbados Labour Party (BLP) in the 2018 general election.

He is a Senior Attorney at Holder and Company, he is the former Principal of the Urban Adult College, Manager of Administration at the Barbados Child Care Board and Programme Officer with the National Council on Substance Abuse.

A graduate of University of the West Indies and post-graduate of Barry University, Miami.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

Interests: An avid reader, cricket enthusiast and a competitive dominoes player.



ASSAM, INDIA

Present Portfolio or Office:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2001
Political Party:	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Career Summary:

Currently the Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly since 21 May 2021.

Shri Biswajit Daimary was a Members of the Legislative Assembly of Assam from 2001-2006 where he was also a Members of the Public Accounts Committee. Between 2006 and 2008, he was Chairman of the Assam Apex Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation for the Government of Assam (with the status of Cabinet Minister).

In May 2008, he was elected the Rajya Sabha (the Upper House of the Parliament of India) until May 2021. His parliamentary roles included: Select Committees on Transport, Tourism and Culture; Subordinate Legislation; Ministry of Railways; Chemicals and Fertilisers.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

Interests: Football, volleyball, drama, music and arranging folk dance programmes.

**Completing the term started by Shri Hitendra Goswami, MLA (Assam).**



INDIA UNION

Present Role:	Member of Lok Sabha
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2009
Political Party:	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Career Summary: Uday Pratap Singh is an Indian politician and a Member of the Lok Sabha from Narmadapuram constituency. He was first elected in 2009 and also won the 2014 and 2019 elections.

He attended Sagar University and lists his former profession as a farmer.

Recent CPA activities:

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

**CPA INDIA REGION**  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

**Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, MLA**



**UTTARAKHAND, INDIA**

Present Role: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2017

Political Party: Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)

**Career Summary:**

Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, MLA is the Speaker of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly and assumed office on 26 March 2022.

She was first elected in 2017 for the constituency of Yamkeshwar and again in 2022 for the constituency of Kotdwar.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

**CPA PACIFIC REGION**  
63rd CPC to 66th CPC

**Hon. Therese Kaetavara, MHR**



**BOUGAINVILLE**

Present Role: Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

Year First Elected to Parliament:

Political Party: Non-partisan

**Career Summary:** She was elected to represent the electorate of South - Women's Regional (Province: AROB).

Prior to her election, she had a number of different roles including: Department Steno-Secretary, University of Papua New Guinea; Steno-Secretary, Office of the Premier, North Solomons Provincial Government; Executive Secretary, Bougainville Copper Limited; Regional Manageress, DHL International Worldwide Express, Bougainville Agency; Regional Women's Coordinator, Missions and SME Development, South Seas Evangelical Church; New Guinea Islands Region, Highlands Region and Southern Region; Administrative Secretary, Christian Leaders Training College; (Retired) Community Volunteer and Nazareth Center for Rehabilitation Representative, Bana District; Ward Chair, Sove Ward, Baba Constituency, Bana District, AROB.

**Education:** Business Administration and Stenography, Rabaul Secretarial College; Diploma in Theology, Christian Leaders Training College.

**Interests:** Music, Church Mission, Volunteerism, Sports

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Simon Petanu, MHR, Bougainville; and Hon. Francesca Semoso, MHR, Bougainville.**

Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua, MP  
*Alternate for Fiji*



FIJI

Present Role:	Deputy Speaker of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2018
Political Party:	National Federation Party (NFP)

Career Summary: Hon. Lenora Salusalu Qereqeretabua is a Fijian broadcaster and politician. In December 2022, she was elected as Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji. She is a member of the National Federation Party (NFP).

Since 1995, she has anchored the Pacific Community's Pacific-wide news show, The Pacific Way. She also worked as a public relations consultant and serves on the board of Save the Children Fiji.

In February 2018, she successfully stood as a candidate for the National Federation Party in the Fijian elections and advocated for women's rights and an increase in women in Parliament. As an MP, she has advocated for a more professional media and the restoration of democracy in local government, as well as the use of the Fijian language in Parliament.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada.

Hon. Gerry Brownlee, MP



NEW ZEALAND

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1996
Political Party:	New Zealand National Party

Career Summary: He has been a Member of Parliament in New Zealand since 1996. He has served as Deputy Leader of the National Party, Shadow Leader of the House, and a Senior Cabinet Minister in the roles of Energy and Resources, Economic Development, Christchurch Earthquake Recovery, Transport, Defence and Foreign Affairs.

Currently, he is the Opposition Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, and the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee.

He is also the CPA New Zealand Branch's Chairperson and their representative to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Education: St Bede's College, Christchurch, New Zealand; Christchurch College of Education; Christchurch Polytechnic.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting.

CPA SOUTH-EAST  
ASIA REGION  
63rd CPC to 66th CPC

Hon. Dr Lim Biow Chuan, MP



SINGAPORE

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2006
Political Party:	People's Action Party

Career Summary: Hon. Dr Lim Biow Chuan, MP is the current Member of Parliament for Mountbatten SMC since 7 May 2011 and previously for the Mountbatten ward under the Marine Parade GRC from 5 May 2006 to 6 May 2011. He served as Deputy Speaker of the 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament of Singapore from January 2016 to 23 June 2020.

He is a lawyer and has been in legal practice since 1989 and a senior partner in Derrick Wong & Lim BC LLP.

Recent CPA activities: He was previously the CPA South East Asia Regional Representative on the CPA Executive Committee from 2014 to 2017.

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2017: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Darwin, Northern Territory; 2016: 62<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK; 2016: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2015: 61<sup>st</sup> CPA General Assembly and Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2014: 60<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Yaounde, Cameroon; 2014: CPA Executive Committee Meeting, London.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Zainal Sapari, MP, Singapore.**

CPA SOUTH-EAST  
ASIA REGION  
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Dr Dato' Noraini Ahmad, MP



MALAYSIA

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2008
Political Party:	United Malays National Organisation (UMNO)

Career Summary: Hon. Dr Noraini Ahmad is a Malaysian politician who has served as Chairperson of the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority (RISDA) since March 2023 and the Member of the Malaysian Parliament for Parit Sulong since March 2008. She served as the Minister of Higher Education from 2021 to 2022 and has previously held the roles of Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). She was the Chairperson of the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) from 2013 to 2018.

She is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada where she obtained her Bachelor of Commerce, followed by a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK). She subsequently obtained her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Development Management from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and then enrolled into the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program at Asia e-University (AeU).

Recent CPA activities: She has been the Honorary Secretary of the CPA Malaysia Branch since 2018 and was the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) from 2017 to 2019. She also represented the CPA South-East Asia Region on the CPA International Executive Committee.

2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India; 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**Completing the term started by Hon. Datuk Wira Dr Mohd Hatta Md Ramli, MP, Malaysia.**

**CPA SOUTH-EAST  
ASIA REGION**  
65th CPC to 68th CPC

**Hon. Dato' Law Choo Kiang, MLA**



**PENANG**

Present Role:	Speaker of the State Legislature
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2008
Political Party:	People's Justice Party (PKR)

**Career Summary:**

Dato' Law Choo Kiang is a Malaysian politician who has served as Speaker of the Penang State Legislative Assembly since June 2013. He served as Member of the Penang State Executive Council (EXCO) in the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) and Pakatan Harapan (PH) state administrations from March 2008 to May 2013 and a Member of the Penang State Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Bukit Tambun from March 2008 to May 2018. He is a member of the People's Justice Party (PKR), a component party of the state ruling but federal opposition PH and formerly PR coalitions.

He studied for a Bachelor of Business Administration from the National Taipei University, Taiwan and also gained a postgraduate degree in Mass Communication from Shanghai University.

Recent CPA activities: 2022: 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Halifax, Canada; 2022: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Assam, India.

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Clerk to the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malaysia

## CPA HEADQUARTERS SECRETARIAT

### CPA SECRETARY-GENERAL

### Stephen Twigg



Present Role: CPA Secretary-General

#### Career Summary:

Stephen Twigg was appointed as the 8<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and took up this position from 1 August 2020.

The CPA Secretary-General, Stephen Twigg is a former UK Parliamentarian, who was previously elected to the Parliament of the United Kingdom as a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2005 (Enfield Southgate) and from 2010 to 2019 (Liverpool West Derby).

During his parliamentary career, he held several senior positions including Chairperson of the International Development Select Committee, Minister for Schools and a range of Shadow Front Bench roles.

Before entering Parliament, he was elected as a Local Councillor in the London Borough of Islington. Following the 2019 General Election when he stepped down from Parliament, Stephen Twigg was instrumental in setting up the International Parliamentary Network for Education and was actively involved in parliamentary strengthening with both Global Partners Governance and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD).

Education: Prior to his parliamentary career, he studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Balliol College, Oxford University. He became the youngest UK President of the National Union of Students in 1990-92.

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## **Attachment C – APPLICABLE CPA QUEENSLAND BRANCH RULES ON REPORTING OF TRAVEL**

### **CPA Queensland Branch Membership, CPA activities and Administrative Guidelines**

#### **3.10 Report to Parliament**

Following return from overseas travel, the Member must table in Parliament within one month of return, or the next available sitting, a written report on the overseas travel undertaken.

The report is to detail:

- the CPA activity undertaken
- benefits obtained from the overseas travel
- any duties undertaken on behalf of Queensland (which would be ancillary to the primary purpose of the travel)
- the final itinerary or program, including countries visited, dates of travel, and sufficient detail to substantiate the official nature of the journey
- details of accompanying persons (including the spouse) whose costs are to be met by public funds and purpose for their attendance
- details of any personal component of the travel.

All overseas travel for officers will be detailed in the Parliamentary Service annual report.