

# Australasian Parliamentary Educators' Conference Parliament of Victoria, Melbourne 22-24 November 2017



**PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE**  
Te Ratonga Whare Pāremata

**New Zealand Parliament  
Jurisdictional Report**

# Our Team



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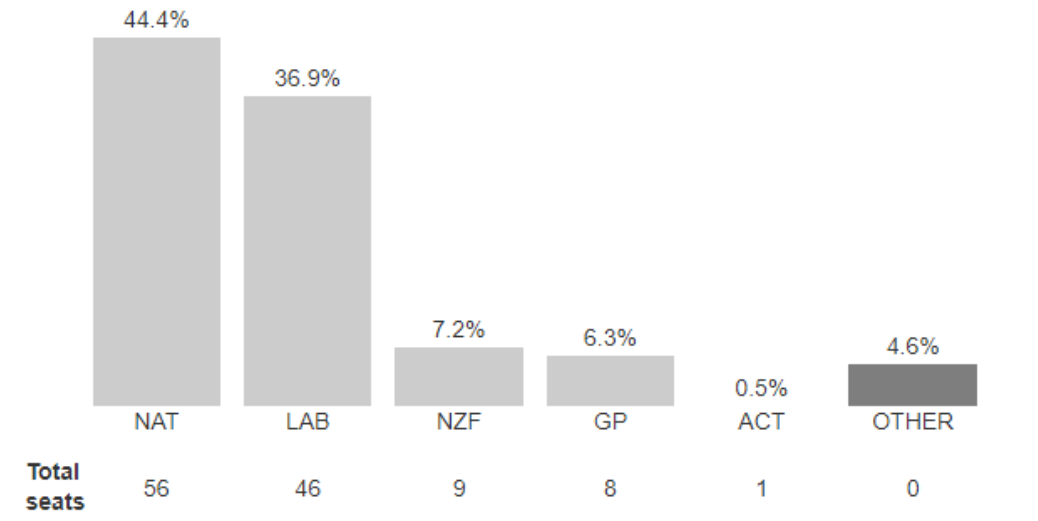
# The Election

## 2017 General Election (September 23)

### 2017 General Election - Official Result

#### Nationwide Party Votes Results

#### Percentage of vote



	Party Votes	% of Votes	Electorate Seats	List Seats	Total seats
National Party	1,152,075	44.4	41	15	56
Labour Party	956,184	36.9	29	17	46
New Zealand First Party	186,706	7.2	-	9	9
Green Party	162,443	6.3	-	8	8
ACT New Zealand	13,075	0.5	1	-	1

Change!

The new Speaker of the House of Representatives is also the Minister responsible for the Parliamentary Service.

**The Right Honourable Trevor Mallard, MP** is keen to make New Zealand's Parliament more family-friendly and has also begun to conduct the opening parliamentary prayer in te reo Māori.

**IMAGE:** Television New Zealand (TVNZ)



# Our Organisation

- ***Within the Parliamentary Service, Education Services*** operates as one part of the ***Visitor and Support Services*** branch within a wider group called ***Precinct Services***.
- *Unlike certain other jurisdictions, Education Services does **not** sit within **Office of the Clerk**.*
- We have undergone a number of organisational changes recently. Visitor and Support Services has five team leaders in charge of the day-to-day operations. Team leaders report to the Visitor and Support Services Manager (and former Lead Educator) Miranda Thomson.

## The five business units are:

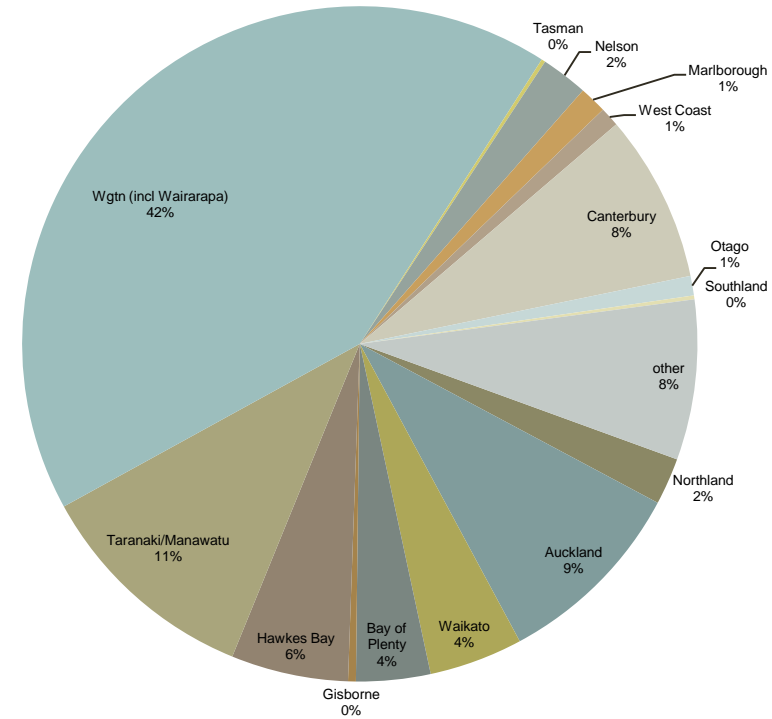
- 1. Education Services
  - 2. Visitor Centre (includes public tours)
  - 3. Displays and Collections (includes art tours)
  - 4. Reception and Telephone Services
  - **5. Mail and Distribution (newest addition)**
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- We have a re-vamped **visitor centre**, although there is no longer a souvenir/gift shop. Instead, there is a small selection of **Parliament branded merchandise** available for purchase. There is **free Wi-Fi available** for visitor use and there will also be a **small coffee and food outlet** in the visitor centre due to open in December.

# Visit Statistics

<b>Education Services - Summary of 2016/2017</b>						
	<b>No. of Groups</b>		<b>Total number of Students</b>	<b>MP Visits</b>	<b>Role- plays</b>	<b>Gallery</b>
<b>July</b>	29		632	7	2	5
<b>August</b>	58		1434	15	3	19
<b>September</b>	66		1678	29	5	21
<b>October</b>	61		1605	14	5	15
<b>November</b>	61		1606	25	4	26
<b>December</b>	27		631	12	1	10
<b>January</b>	1		35	0	0	0
<b>February</b>	29		721	4	0	11
<b>March</b>	59		1574	11	0	13
<b>April</b>	26		758	11	1	8
<b>May</b>	55		1331	11	0	19
<b>June</b>	62		1408	18	0	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>		<b>13413</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>168</b>

# Visit Statistics

## From which regions do schools visit?



# General

- We continue to place an emphasis on active citizenship and **youth participation**
- We keep up-to-date regarding **inquiry learning**, the NZ teaching curriculum, NCEA ('**social action**' credits at senior secondary school) current teaching pedagogy and teacher best practice
- We look for meaningful opportunities to **connect** with other educational providers to provide connected visits – so, **Education at Parliament, Government House, and the Supreme Court** meet regularly to seek out information and gather ideas concerning connected visits
- Our standard visit time is **90 mins (1.5 hours)** or shorter (**60 mins**) to fit schedules/ESOL
- We can do **six** visits maximum per day (3 staff – one each in the morning / one each in the afternoon)
- The maximum allowable group size is set at **42** for security and health and safety purposes
- Other programmes are: **Role-plays and 'Eye on the Hive'** with a focus on the media
- Core business is: **Primary Year 6 through to secondary Year 10**
- We also welcome **local tertiary** and **overseas tertiary** groups (mostly from the USA)
- And **ESOL** (Japanese, as well as others)
- Afternoons automatically include **20 minutes of 'Question Time'** as standard for groups on sitting days
- Provision for electorate/constituency **MP visits** to our Education Centre at the school's request, depending on availability
- **NZ Business & Parliament Trust** still provides **travel assistance funding** for students attending school in Years 6 to 9, however, all applications are considered. Priority is given to schools further away from Wellington, first time school visits and other special/exceptional circumstances.



# Social Studies Conference 2017



Networking  
Opportunities

&

Professional  
Development

## SOCCON: The New Zealand Social Sciences Conference background information

- Held **every two years**, primarily for secondary school Social Studies teachers/educators
- The (October) 2017 conference was hosted in Napier

### Attending from all around New Zealand, there were:

- **231** delegates attending
- **148** schools represented
- **20** different sponsor and exhibitor companies

### Theme:

- “Developing Global Citizens”
- “Think globally, act locally”

<http://www.soccon.net.nz/>

### This was a great chance to:

- Encourage connected visits with National Library of New Zealand
- Provide a joint workshop and information stand for teachers alongside the National Library, using connected visits and petitions as contexts for learning
- Network and gather information/visit feedback
- Learn about how parliament/government is being taught by some of the best teachers in the country!
- Provide general visit information and teacher resource packs.

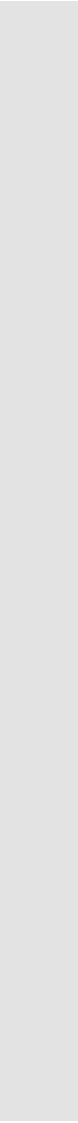
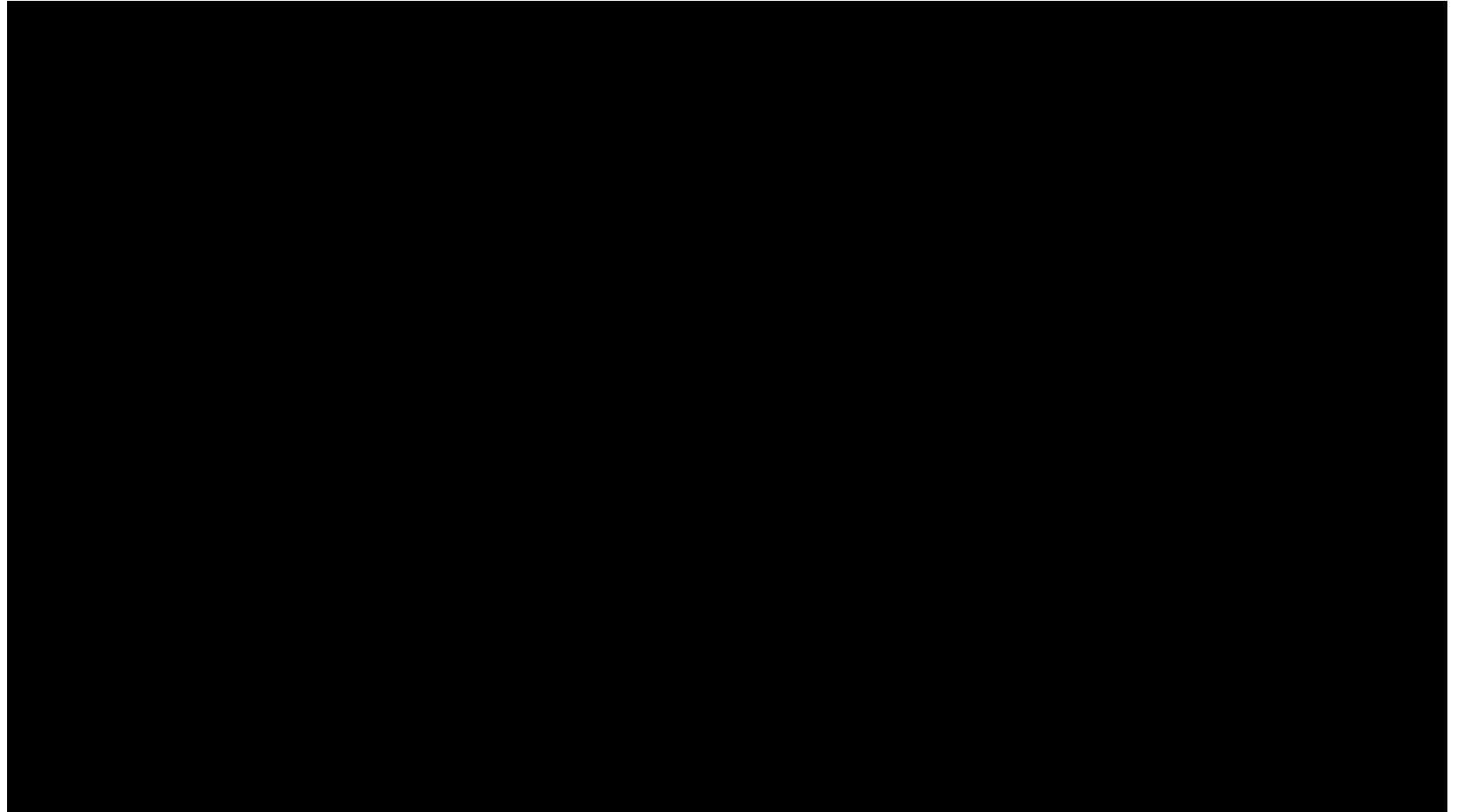
# Current resources

- Education Services now plays an **8 minute video** as a standard part of the pre-tour introduction in the Education Centre
- This video is also **publicly available** on our website for schools/teachers to view pre or post visit
- **Our curriculum-linked resources** continue to be available to schools in hard-copy format for mailing out on request, or on our website in PDF.

# Future Focus

- There has been new government-commissioned independent research (2016/17) released by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage concerning the nature and scope of publicly available **CCE resources** across providers/organisations/levels in NZ with a view to creating a **hub** for all central government related teaching resources and **streamlining** this information to create improved confidence/accessibility for teachers
- Parliamentary Service (Education Services), Office of the Clerk and Microsoft have piloted a '**Build Parliament with Minecraft**' initiative whereby student interest in Parliament is triggered through the use of Microsoft's **Minecraft 3D video game**
- Judge Andrew Becroft from **Office of the Children's Commissioner** visited Parliament earlier this year to talk to staff about how to make institutions such as Parliament more **child-centred** in their thinking. See also <http://www.occ.org.nz/listening2kids/>
- March 5 2017 will be **Children's Day** in NZ. <http://www.childrensday.org.nz/>. We are looking at various initiatives within the Visitor and Support Services group to highlight young people and their contributions (parliamentary displays, art work)
- We are looking to create a '**Passport to Parliament**' booklet resource for use with our youngest visitors – aged 5 to 12
- Generally, Education Services is keen to develop its overall **resourcing** over the next 3-5 years to increase capacity, to best keep up-to-date with the latest trends in education, particularly in terms of **technology**. We will also be doing a general 'stock-take' of existing **programmes based on research/feedback**, look to provide a more student-friendly **online/web presence**, implement an **online booking system** for schools, investigate the use of **video links/Skype** for remote/rural schools and will be making general/incremental tweaks/changes to our unit based on survey feedback from our customers.

Minecraft



Thanks!

Any questions?